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LADY'S LIFE WITH BANDITS.

MISS TOBIN'S EXPERIENCES IN CAPTIVITY.

OVER A MONTH WANDERING IN KWANGSI WOODS.

HIDDEN IN CAVE FOUR DAYS

Full details are to hand to-day from our Wuchow correspondent of the experiences which Miss Blanchie Tobin, of the Church Missionary Society, suffered whilst in the hands of a gang of bandits who held her captive for forty-four days. She was eventually released on the 2nd instant on payment of ransom totalling \$10,200 (Kwangsi currency). The original demand was for \$50,000.

An interesting feature now disclosed is that Miss Tobin was taken in error for the Rev. C. J. Lowe. Only on three nights during her captivity did she sleep in a house, the rest of the time, apart from four days in a cave, being spent in woods.

Once only was any violence resorted to, this being when the brigand chief, in a fit of anger, struck her twice with a rotten stick.

On being released, Miss Tobin was in a state of considerable physical weakness, due to the fact that she had been half-starved, for whilst there was sufficient food, it was only partly cooked and was both unpalatable and indigestible. After a few days' rest, Miss Tobin, according to latest reports to hand, hoped to resume her interrupted journey under escort.

MISTAKEN FOR REV. C. J. LOWE.

It will be recalled that Miss Tobin was captured on September 18th whilst on the way to Kweilin in a houseboat, Miss Watkins, who was with her, also being seized by the bandits. However, Miss Watkins was soon released, as she was unable to keep pace with the bandits in their hurry to get away.

Recounting the incidents which followed, our correspondent reports that as Miss Watkins was sent back by the robbers, the rest of the captives, Miss Tobin and the two daughters of the boatman, were hurried up the hill. Miss Tobin repeatedly tried to deny by feigning fatigue, but loaded rifles were used to overcome any further reluctance to proceed at the pace her captors set. With only short occasional pauses for rest, they went on through the whole of the first night, up and down very high hills, but as Miss Tobin was in fair condition and well shod, she was able to carry on well.

Torches and Flares.

For the first part of the night the brigands had electric torches to light the way, but as these gave out, they used flares instead, which would seem to indicate that in that part of the route they were not in fear of pursuit, as had been the case the previous evening before dark, when one of them went ahead to the summit of the hill to see if men were following them, for from that height the river was still visible, and in this way the man would point out the way the rest should proceed.

Occasional houses were passed on the following morning and in the valleys there were well-watered rice fields irrigated by wooden pumps and with a promising second crop. At about 9 a.m. the party came to a decent sort of house where they greeted the occupant as "Laopan," and to him they showed the money and the other proceeds of the loot obtained on the previous day. It was a well-built house and fairly well furnished.

Here a halt of half an hour was made and Miss Tobin rested awhile and was given the first food since lunch the previous day, two bowls of *mien* and a little rice. The party was then told they could not stay there as there was no room for them, and so about 10 a.m. they started off again through winding valleys of paddy.

Brigand Chief Appears.

That afternoon at about 3 o'clock they came to a poor furnished house that had only beds in two rooms and with a single bench or table. Here were a large number of men, twenty or thirty, with their women folk. This was the place where the actual head of the band was to be

met, but he was not at home when they arrived; he came in later about dusk.

It was a hot day and so Miss Tobin sat outside where a rough meal was brought to her by the Chinese girls, and after this she was interviewed by the brigand chief. He immediately brought up the subject of ransom which he said would have to be ample as he had many people to pay, and so he named 35,000 Kwangsi dollars as the sum which would secure her freedom. She informed him that she herself was not able to pay anything at all, and she knew the Church would not ransom her, and her friends could not raise so large a sum.

After much talk, the figure was reduced to \$10,200 (which was the amount actually paid) and she was instructed to write letters to her friends that this should be sent to the Chaoping magistrate, who would send it into the band. This, however, was not done until the next morning. That night, Miss Tobin slept in a room with four beds occupied by three persons each, but she was given a mat on the floor and one of the blankets taken from the boat by her captors.

The next day, Miss Tobin wrote three letters these being addressed to Mr. Jaffray, Mr. Cannell and Bishop Holden. They were supposed to have been posted, but nothing further has been heard of them. After performing this task, Miss Tobin went out, to sit on the hillside, but was soon called back and compelled to remain indoors all day. It was explained to her that there were "bad men" about who were trying to get her and she had to be carefully guarded.

Taken in Error.

At this point it became clear to her that she had been taken in error, for they had continually insisted that she was a man and also an American. They told her they had been informed by friends in Wuchow of a big house boat preparing for days there, and they had planned to detain the traveller in order to liquidate their financial difficulties.

There is not the slightest doubt that Miss Tobin was taken instead of Rev. C. J. Lowe, but characteristically Miss Tobin does not regret the mistake, for although Mr. Lowe himself might have endured the physical strain better than she, his two young children might have suffered mental injury of a permanent kind. However, the mistake did not alter the plans of her captors and they demonstrated their belief in the equality of the sexes by asking for as much for her as they had in mind for him.

That evening everything was packed up and the whole band marched off and went all through the night. They evidently lost their way, as scouts were sent out

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NIGHT OF TERROR RECOUNTED.

"HSIN CHI" SURVIVORS IN SHANGHAI.

DUAL DANGER OF STRANDING AND PIRACY.

THE CAPTAIN PRAISED.

Shanghai, Nov. 14. The Dutch steamer Tiltaroom has arrived here, bringing the foreign passengers from the China Merchants steamer Hsin Chi, lying wrecked on Tai Island.

The survivors tell a graphic story of a night of terror spent on the vessel after she went aground, and say that the ship was looted by pirates from stem to stern.

Directly the ship hit a submerged rock, the majority of the crew became panic-stricken, and some Chinese were drowned when they plunged overboard.

Ladies' Composure.

The foreigners, including a number of ladies, preserved the utmost composure, despite the panic below.

The rescued passengers pay high tributes to Captain Tollefson, the master of the Hsin Chi, for his admirable seamanship and self-possession amidst the dual danger of the sinking of the ship and a piratical attack.—Our Own Correspondent.

Pirates Captured.

The interesting fact was disclosed by the naval authorities last night that H.M.S. Serapis had succeeded in capturing two junks of pirates with loot which they had taken from the China Merchants steamer Hsin Chi after they had set her afire as she lay wrecked off Tai Island, near Swatow.

It will be recalled that the Serapis, on arriving on the scene in the early hours of yesterday morning, discovered that the Hsin Chi had been burned by pirates who got away in junks. The destroyer then evidently cruised in the locality and was successful in locating two of the junks, which, with the crews are to be handed over to the Chinese authorities in due course.

Others of the pirates got away in small fishing boats, whilst some loot was transferred to huts situated near the spot where the Hsin Chi went aground.

Rescue of Crew.

The captain and crew of the Hsin Chi must have been aboard the ship when the pirates came on board, and they are being taken off by the China Merchants s.s. Hsuan, which arrived on the scene yesterday morning.

A Salt Gabelle launch, with an armed guard, visited the spot on Saturday, presumably before the pirates looted the ship, but left later.

The Serapis reports that the Hsin Chi was looted before being burned, and now only the hull remains.

SERIOUS CYCLONE IN ARGENTINA.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN STORM.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 13. Fifteen persons have been killed and over fifty injured as the result of a cyclone which swept the Province of Cordoba, creating serious havoc.

The extensive damage includes the destruction of a large electrical works, while it is reported that over thirty buildings have been destroyed or badly wrecked.—Reuter.

Later.

Forty-one persons were killed and 150 injured by the Cordoba cyclone in the vicinity of Villa Maria.—Reuter.

ETNA ERUPTION DAMAGE.

HUGE TOTAL GIVEN IN ESTIMATE.

Catania, Nov. 13. It is estimated that the total losses, including devastated land, buildings, plant, roads, bridges and railways, as a result of the Mount Etna eruption amount to 160,000,000 lire.—Reuter.

WAR OFFICE PLANS IN CHINA.

DEFENCE FORCE TO LEAVE NEXT TROOPING SEASON.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Nov. 13. The number of British troops in China and the reluctance of the authorities to order withdrawals in spite of the improved situation, formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Secretary for War, in reply, informed the House that at the present time, there were seven infantry battalions with ancillaries in China, in addition to the normal garrison of three battalions stationed there in 1926.

He agreed that no withdrawal had occurred since June this year.

ANOTHER STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

Socony Tanker Sends Out
S.O.S. Signal.

NO POSITION GIVEN.

New York, Nov. 13. News has reached here of another steamer being in distress. This is the American tanker Kingsbury, which has a tonnage of 4,000 tons.

She sent out an "S.O.S." signal at six o'clock this evening, but her position was not given.

First reports stated that the Kingsbury was a British cargo steamer, but the naval authorities later ascertained that she is a tanker owned by the Standard Oil Company.—Reuter's American Service.

and none was contemplated at the present time. Further reductions would entirely depend upon the local situation, which advisers did not now regard as sufficiently stabilised.

Of eighteen additional battalions originally sent, ten infantry and one of Royal Marines had left. Under existing conditions, Sir Laming added, six other infantry battalions would leave at the first trooping season.

The 1st Battalion of the Border Regiment is going to Tientsin on normal garrison duty.—Reuter

DEMPSEY TO RETURN TO THE RING?

TEX RICKARD NEGOTIATING WITH EX-CHAMPION.

New York, Nov. 13. Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world, and Tex Rickard have been discussing the possibility of the return of Dempsey to the ring, according to authentic reports.

It is planned that Dempsey, if he agrees to fight again, will stage his comeback with a bout against Paolino Uzcudun, who was recently suspended for a foul against Peterson, and who was reinstated to-day at a meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission.

No definite announcement is forthcoming to indicate the result of the conference between Rickard and Dempsey, but it is reported that the ex-champion is "in a more receptive mood" than for some time regarding propositions that he should fight again.—Reuter's American Service.

THE SALVATION ARMY LEADER.

GENERAL BOOTH'S GRAVE CONDITION.

London, Nov. 13. General Bramwell Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, has taken a turn for the worse, a bulletin issued this evening stating that his condition during the last twenty-four hours has been less satisfactory.

The great evangelist is 72 years of age.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC LINER DISASTER.

OVER HUNDRED STILL MISSING.

SMASHED RAFT'S GRIM STORY OF FATE.

215 SURVIVORS FOUND.

A battered raft, smashed by angry seas, and the discovery by an American battleship of six people, clinging desperately to wreckage, bear grim testimony to the disaster to the British mail steamer Vestris off the American coast.

The many steamers which answered to the distress signals and rushed at full speed to the scene of the tragedy, have picked up about 200 survivors, but some thirty hours after the doomed ship had been abandoned, over a hundred passengers and members of the crew were still missing, and hopes are gradually lessening that they will be rescued.

Treacherous Seas.

The lifeboats had throughout to contend against treacherous seas, but the great majority weathered the storms and have been found. Others of the 339 persons on board were forced to take to a raft, which has been found broken to pieces. Many corpses have been sighted.

The story of the tragedy is conveyed in the following messages from New York:

New York, Nov. 13. Wireless messages from the vessels searching in the vicinity of the spot where the Vestris foundered show that at 10.50 a.m. two hundred and four survivors of the disaster had been picked up.

The German liner Berlin picked up 21, the s.s. American Shipper rescued 90 members of the crew and 33 passengers, while 63 persons are safe on board the s.s. Myrlan.

Hundred Missing.

The U.S.S. Wyoming, a battleship which has been scouring the region, came across six survivors clinging to wreckage.

The Consular Headquarters at Washington learns that all the passengers and crew have been rescued with the exception of one party which left the sinking ship on a raft. The raft is missing.

It is now clear that thirty hours after the skipper of the Vestris ordered the vessel to be abandoned, over one hundred passengers and crew, the majority being passengers, are still missing.

Any hope of further rescues lessens hourly. The American battleship reports having discovered the missing raft which apparently was broken up by the heavy seas. A number of corpses have been sighted.—Reuter's American Service.

Cause of Disaster.

Later. The captain of the Vestris confirms the supposition that the disaster was caused by the shifting of cargo in the course of a violent gale.

The s.s. Myrlan reports that she has picked up eleven more survivors.

Apparently, there were no British passengers on board the foundered ship, but almost the entire crew was British.

The s.s. Berlin with twenty-three persons rescued is already on its way to New York, but the U.S.S. Wyoming and nine coast-guard vessels to continue to search the waters during the night for the 120 persons who are still missing.

Capsize Life-Boat.

Eight lifeboats and one make-shift raft left the s.s. Vestris. The raft has been found smashed, and one of the life-boats capsized, though some of the occupants were later picked up.

Details of the disaster are meagre owing to the regulating of all wireless facilities for rescue work, but a rescued man, who was found clinging to a piece of wreckage said he saw a woman and children, sitting on a broken portion of the raft, with the waves continually dashing over them.

Another passenger was picked by the s.s. Berlin after being 22

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UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

MR. BALDWIN ON LACK OF UNDERSTANDING.

ALOOFNESS OF U. S. STATESMEN FROM GENEVA.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN QUOTED

President Coolidge's Armistice Day speech was among the subjects touched upon by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, in the course of a statement on the Anglo-French naval compromise in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Lloyd George had attacked the Government policy, and asked that it be made clear that the Pact had been abandoned.

Mr. Baldwin agreed that the work of disarmament must begin all over again, but declared that the compromise was an honest attempt to end the Geneva deadlock.

He refused to believe that the British reservation to the Kellogg Pact and the negotiation of the compromise had aroused suspicion in the United States, but declared that the lack of mutual understanding between Europe and America, as stressed by President Coolidge, was largely due to the absence of personal contact.

Statesmen of Europe and statesmen of the United States, he pointed out, seldom met, and therefore, found it difficult to understand their mutual idiosyncrasies. He urged all concerned to study the differences between the political systems of the two countries.

NAVAL COMPROMISE STATEMENT.

London, Nov. 13. there was a tendency for every The Premier's statement was in country to run up the maximum reply to Mr. Lloyd George, the fixed in classes of ships and to Liberal leader, who had moved, as see that the maximum in numbers an amendment to the Address—was the maximum in strength too.

The Rhineland.

Mr. Baldwin also referred to the question of the Rhineland. He said the Government's attitude had always been the same. They wanted to see the evacuation of armaments and cruisers, and not compel evacuation and if discussions should be an extension of the Washington Treaty to object by one step? It might in fact cause greater difficulties. He thought there was real hope that before long this matter might be settled by the committee that were now being set up.

The first and early stages of the negotiation and the discussions between the Powers on attempt to get out of the deadlock this subject, had been opened in which had occurred at Geneva.

The Government had been strongly criticised on the ground that they had made concessions to France and conferred some immunities upon her.

The French Angle.

He pointed out that France remained a conscript country as she always had been. France regarded conscription as an essential part of the doctrine of democracy. Conscription in France dated from the Revolution.

It was not only on grounds of national security against external enemies that the French had had a conscript army did not necessarily make a country militaristic.

France held the view that if every man had to go and fight when war began, the masses of the people would be less inclined to think about war, and statesmen would think twice before they ordered them to go and fight.

Not a Treaty.

Regarding the criticism that the compromise was directed against other countries, especially the United States, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that a telegram was despatched to the United States Secretary of State at the beginning of August emphasising that the agreement was not a treaty and that it was being submitted to the United States in order that they should consider its terms and give their considered observations and any suggestions.

A similar message was sent to Italy and later to Germany. Continuing Mr. Baldwin said that disarmament was almost as much a matter of spirit as of letter and just as in the minimum wage, the tendency was for the minimum to become the maximum, so unless statesmen had real courage and unless they were supported by their own people

Premier's Regrets.

He regretted it profoundly, and it was very difficult to find the

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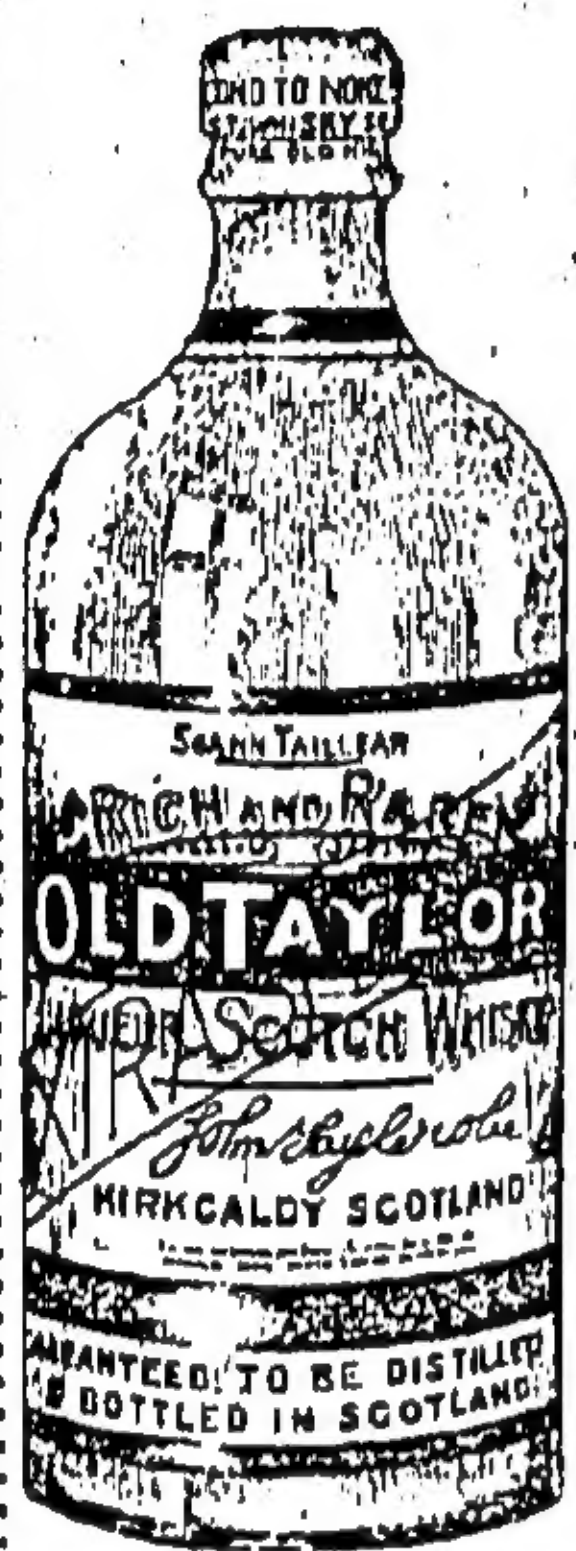
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NEW HOSTEL FOR UNIVERSITY.

HIS EXCELLENCY LAYS STONE FOR THE RICCI HALL.

JESUIT COLLEGE.

The foundation stone of a new hostel for the Hongkong University, to be known as the Ricci Hall, was laid by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, yesterday afternoon.

The new building is being built on a site in Pokfulam Road known as Fly Point Battery and is just behind the Ho Tung Engineering School.

A large and representative gathering of those interested in educational work, and particularly in Catholic education work in Hongkong, were present.

The preliminary lay-out of the new hall had already been commenced and visitors were conducted over the area which had been marked for the construction of the building.

Tea was served in a marquee erected near the foundation stone, and the band of the St. Louis Industrial School rendered selections.

In calling upon His Excellency to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, the Reverend Father Byrne, of the Society of Jesus, said:

Your Excellency, my Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen.—At a time when the League of Nations and many other bodies are striving to find a way of abolishing war, it is a happy omen in Hongkong that an old landmark, suggestive of war, is losing its military appearance. Our contractor Mr. Lam Woo, can tell us that it was a tough job to move the old cannon from Fly Point Battery, but the old cannon has gone, and to-day we have come together to lay the foundation stone of a new University Hostel—Ricci Hall—the culture of peace is to replace the suggestion of war.

Like the existing hostels, the new one is called after a distinguished man. On the 8th September, Matteo Ricci (pronounced Richee), arrived in an official junk at Peking. He was the first European to do so since Marco Polo. This was in the year 1683. At the time China was a sealed Empire to all foreigners. The efforts of Ricci to gain admission have been told and retold, as a fascinating page in the history of missionary endeavour. He is described by a Chinese annalist: "A man with a curling beard and blue eyes, his voice like a great bell, was admitted to an imperial audience. He presented books, images, and other objects from his native country. He was intelligent, witty, and of manifold ability, understood our Chinese writings and could read whatever he had once glanced at."

We are inclined to forget that, even to-day, we must enter the galleries of the sixteenth century as pupils to learn from great masters such as da Vinci, Michael Angelo, Raphael; or still more, perhaps, to forget our scientific debt to Kepler, Tycho Brahe, Galileo, Vesalius. Ricci did more than move under the shadow of these great names, he was a pupil of Clavius of whom Galileo wrote: "I have had a long discussion with Father Clavius and with two other most intelligent Fathers of the same Jesuit Order. . . . We have compared notes and have found that our experiences tally in every respect." Father Clavius was called the "Euclid of the sixteenth century" and to the end was a personal friend of Galileo. Trained in such a school Ricci had no difficulty in becoming astronomer, physicist, geographer, watch-maker to meet many demands of the learned in Peking. He was a musician also, and composed eight melodies, with words teaching Christian morality. These, we read, became popular

songs in the royal palace. But his greatest achievement was his mastery of Chinese literature and the facility, which he acquired of writing works on a wide range of subjects. In one of his letters he pays a high tribute to the culture of the Chinese, adding that they needed only the acquisition of Western Science to be the most erudite people on the globe.

A Fitting Choice.

It is difficult to see how a more fitting name could be chosen for a Hall in which it is hoped that the East and West will combine for higher studies.

Writing in the *Cosmopolitan* two years ago, Mr. H. G. Wells said: "A time must come when Oxford and Cambridge, Yale and Harvard will signify no more in the current intellectual life of the world than the monasteries of Mount Athos or the lamaseries of Tibet do now." In Hongkong, as proved by the function this afternoon following close on a similar one at Morrison Hall, we are more sanguine about the role of Universities and we should prefer to re-echo the words of Vincent Haldane that "to maintain the Universities of the country at a high level is an act of high patriotism on the part of the citizens." The word "Hall" has been consecrated to students' residential quarters. It is rather a colourless word which we should like to replace though we might find it difficult to do so. We hope that the "Hall" will be a home for the students. We should be afraid, however, to write "Home" over our portals lest octogenarians might be applying for a quiet resting place, or the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals might become curious about our housing accommodation. There are six Halls in existence, three belonging to the University and the three under the management of missionary bodies.

The very concept of University education makes it clear why there should be Halls differing in the facilities which they offer the student for the development of that side of his education, which does not enter into the curriculum of the lecture rooms. Newman, in his "Idea of a University," defines a University to be a place of teaching universal knowledge. He stresses the fact that its object is intellectual but hastens to add that moral formation is necessary for its integrity. Now a Hall under the management of a religious body provides for the student who wishes to avail himself of it the possibility of continuing paripassu with his intellectual training the religious culture of his soul, and for those who believe in religion no educational claim can surpass this claim. It is for this reason that the Catholics of Hongkong have for many years desired the erection of the Hostel of which the foundation stone is being laid to-day.

From time to time the "bread-and-butter" outlook becomes strong in some section of a community and they grow restless, like Mr. Wells who by the way was trained in a University to which he must owe some of his literary style, because University graduates are to be found selling tea and sugar over counters. Some years ago we read of a man who, without any scholastic training, built up a big grocery business. On his death a member of a club which he used to frequent sarcastically remarked that the most fitting inscription for his tomb would be: "Born a man, he died a grocer." It was a hard word, but it was a neat way of expressing a profound truth. There are great possibilities in a human life. These possibilities are not expressed by anything outside a man, they are to be gauged by the culture of the man himself. A man may live in a glorious castle, yet his life may be empty because his mind is void of ideas and his will is not braced by ideals.

East and West.

East and West have much to learn from each other. Hongkong should be an ideal place for a

happy interchange. Many students from the East have gone to the West. Complaints have been made that they have, in several cases, returned unsettled themselves and unsettling in their influence. There is no doubt that a change, in youthful years, from East to West is very radical; it may be disturbing. In Hongkong both civilizations meet. It is the hope of those responsible for Ricci Hall that this meeting may be the source of "fragrant streams" flowing into rivers of peace and concord.

It is our happy task to thank all those who have been associated with us in many ways in the work of erecting this Hostel. In the first place Bishop Valtorta who invited us to Hongkong and to whose kindness we owe a debt of gratitude which we cannot repay; in the second place to the Vice-Chancellor of the University and the University Authorities for the beautiful site which they have put at our disposal and much helpfulness in other ways. In this connection I cannot omit to mention very specially H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi who has encouraged us from the start. To Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood we owe the design which we are sure will be admired, to Messrs. Lam Woo a keen interest in the construction.

Finally it is with sincere gratitude that we thank H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., for graciously setting aside the time, out of a very busy programme, for our function this afternoon. Sometimes the public do not realise what a call upon the time and a strain upon the energies of an officer in His Excellency's position these functions may become. So it comes to pass that if some organised body acquire a new umbrella they think it natural that His Excellency should open it!

One little word about the band. Mr. Leong Hing Kee, who has catered for us this afternoon, had very kindly offered the orchestra of the Savoy Hotel. The offer was tempting; but we both agreed that the pleasure which would be yours, ladies and gentlemen, in realising what has been accomplished in the newly-opened St. Louis Industrial School, in ten months, by little boys who would otherwise be roaming the streets, would more than compensate for depriving you of a first-class orchestra.

Mr. Hornell's Speech.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University next addressed the gathering. He said: Your Excellency, Your Grace, Ladies and Gentlemen.—Some two years ago, Father Byrne and another Jesuit priest came to Hongkong on a special mission. The object of this mission was the expansion of the influence of the Church of Rome as an agent working for South China's good. I should not dare to suggest that, before he landed in Hongkong, Father Byrne had never heard of this University. Very little goes on in the world but Father Byrne knows it. But I have no reason for thinking that he had any particular interest in us. Certainly the establishment of a Roman Catholic Hostel to be associated with this University, though such a project had been mooted before, was not so far as I am aware, one of the ideas which Father Byrne came from Ireland to China to realise. At any rate he came and after brief interviews with His Excellency the Chancellor and myself, supplemented no doubt by the advocacy of that good friend to the University, Bishop Valtorta, he decided to throw in his lot with us. The result is this Hostel—Ricci Hall, the foundation stone of which His Excellency will lay this afternoon.

This decision of Father Byrne and the unflinching faith and enthusiasm with which he has pressed on with the project have been to me the source not only of comfort but also of encouragement. The University of Hongkong has just grown big enough to feel its growing pains. Can this young

institution be nourished into vigorous and effective manhood? I read of millions of pounds sterling being given to universities elsewhere.

Faith in the Future.

And then I look at Hongkong, a tiny Colony whose fate is surrounded in mystery, and at a devastated and brigand-infested China, and there comes over me a sense of bewilderment not untinged with anxiety. But if Father Byrne and the great world order to which he belongs have faith in the University's future, who am I that I should doubt? There were Jesuit missionaries in China long before any British trader set foot on her shores.

Opinions differ as to the intrinsic value of the service which the Jesuit Fathers have done, and are doing, for humanity. But no serious student of history could question the complete, the self-annihilating devotion with which every single member of the Order gives up his life for the cause for which Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society nearly four hundred years ago. On the slopes of Montmartre close to the Grand Sacre Cour Church which now dominates Paris, there still stands a little Church, the oldest Church in Paris, the Church of Saint Pierre. Here in the crypt one very early morning in 1534 Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier and a few other Spanish students took the oath which made them Jesuits. The Society now extends throughout the world—a witness for nearly four centuries to the faith of men of many different races in a cause far greater than themselves. And this faith is the source of tremendous power, of immense capacity for effective action. I believe that this power and this capacity will henceforth be among the forces working for the greater usefulness of the University of Hongkong and I am therefore glad to be here this afternoon.

Bishop Valtorta's Address.

The Right Revd. Bishop Valtorta also addressed the gathering. He said that he felt he must disclaim the honour of being responsible for calling the Jesuit Fathers to Hongkong. The idea had been one of the most cherished wishes of the late Bishop Pozzoni who, had he lived long enough, would have brought out the Jesuits much sooner, at better times and on better terms. The need for good Christian education in China was very keenly felt but he was sorry to observe that many schools were turning out young men, those very young men who would be called tomorrow to guide the destiny of their own country, to live without God, or as in Russia, to live against God. The social and moral result of such education would be deplorable. The saner parts of the country were still for law and order and consequently a very great attention is still paid by many to the spiritual side and to the spiritual advancement of life. For such as those were the schools and hostels controlled by the Catholic Church. Speaking of Father Byrne, Bishop Valtorta remarked that he was sure that the great predecessor of the Jesuits, Father Ricci, must be proud of him and must rejoice that the great work which he started three centuries ago was still to be carried on by willing and worthy hands.

Mr. Southern's Speech.

His Excellency, addressing the gathering said: Father Byrne, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.—It was a matter of great satisfaction to me, both as Pro-Chancellor of the University and as Officer Administering the Government of this Colony, to know that the Jesuit Order had undertaken the work of providing another Hostel for the undergraduates of Hongkong University. The University, as you know, is very dear to the heart of the Hongkong Government, and to none is it dearer than to the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, who will,

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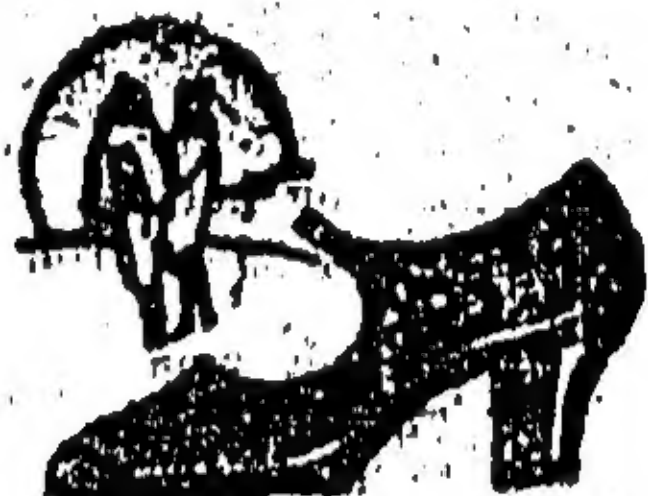
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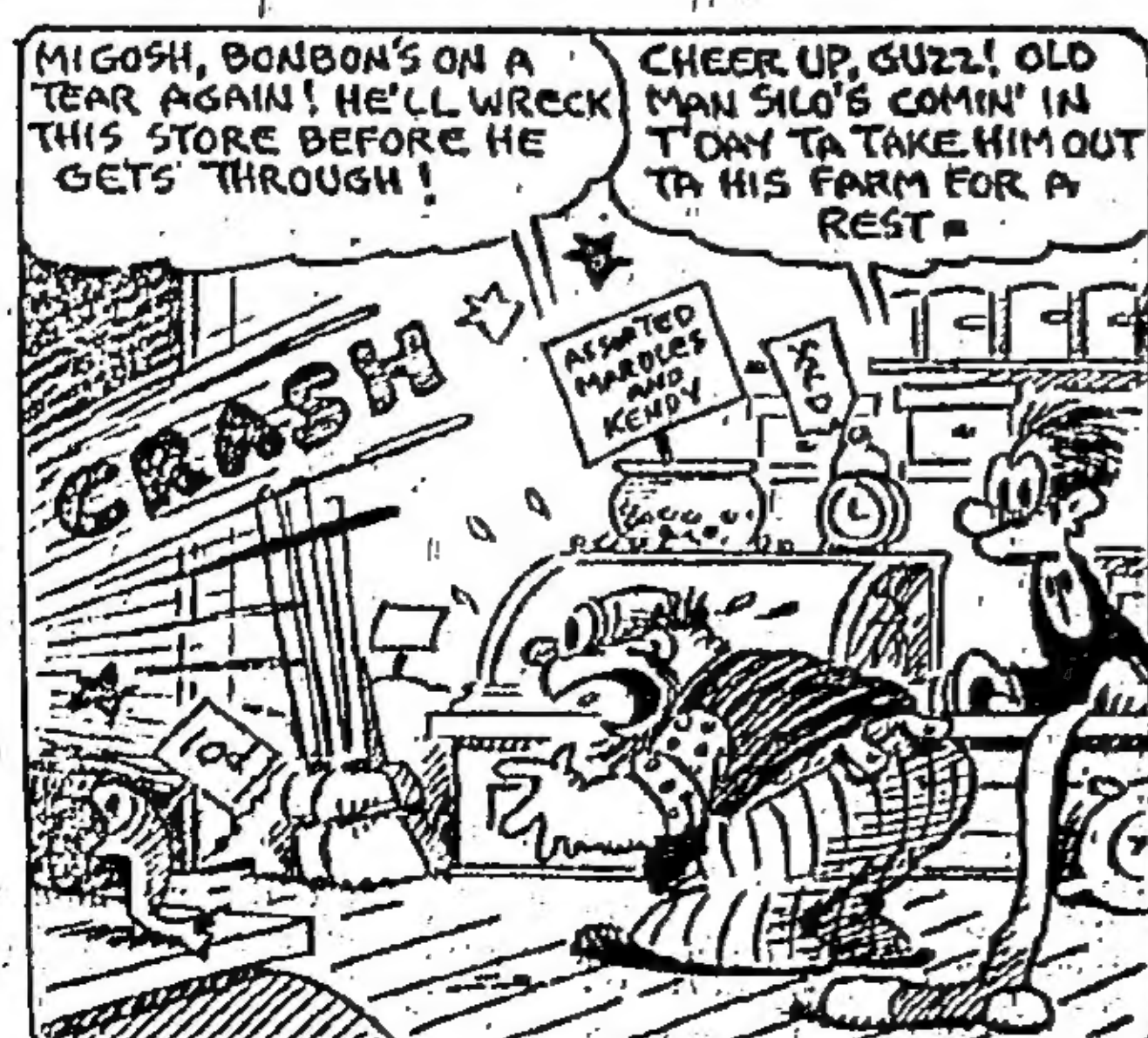
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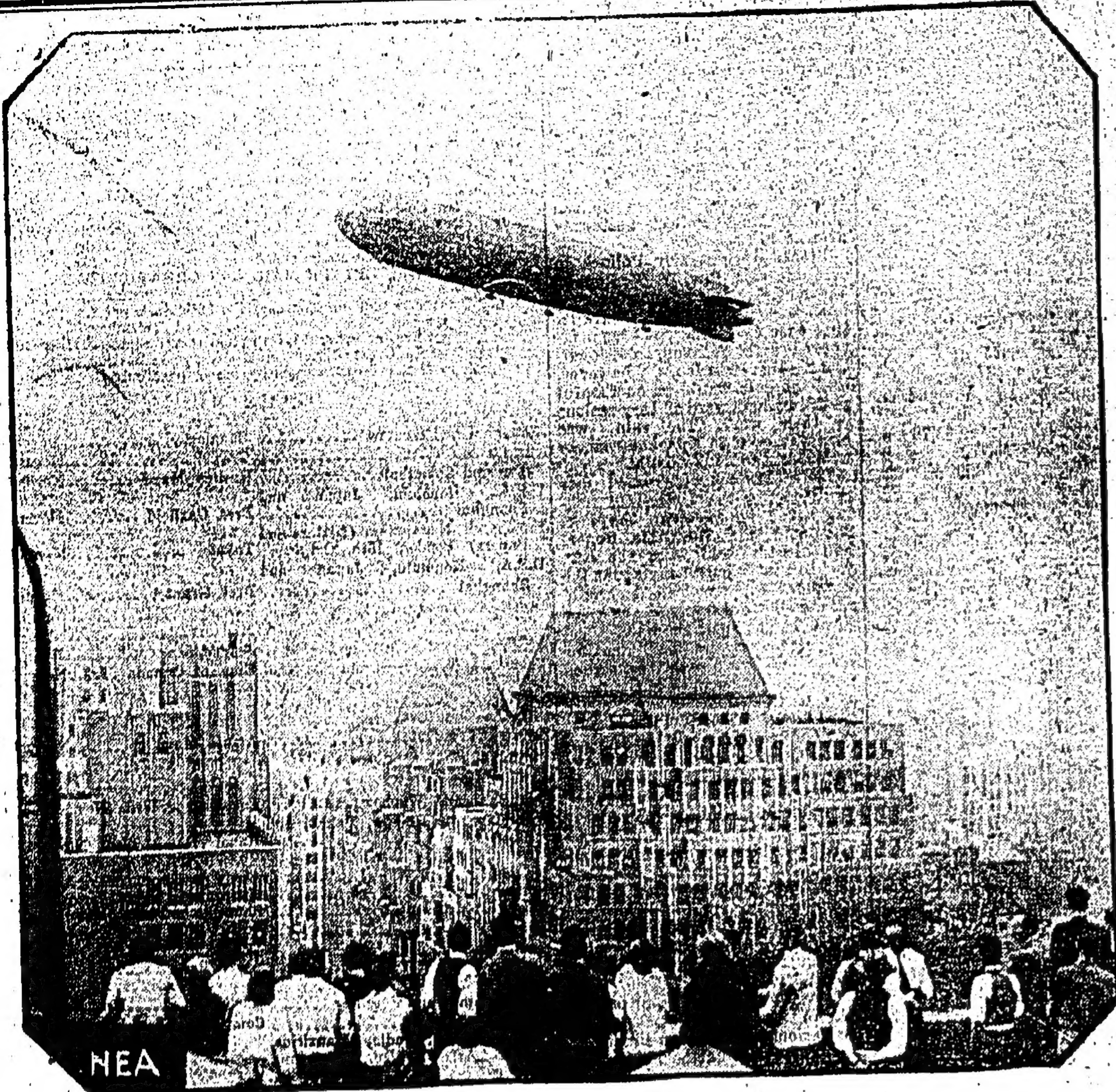
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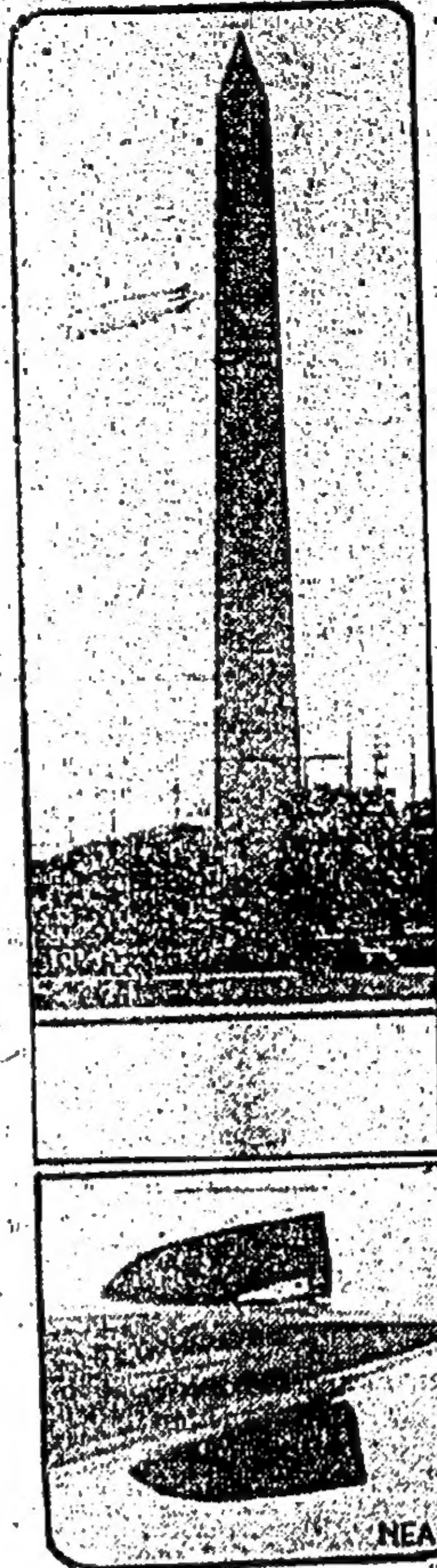
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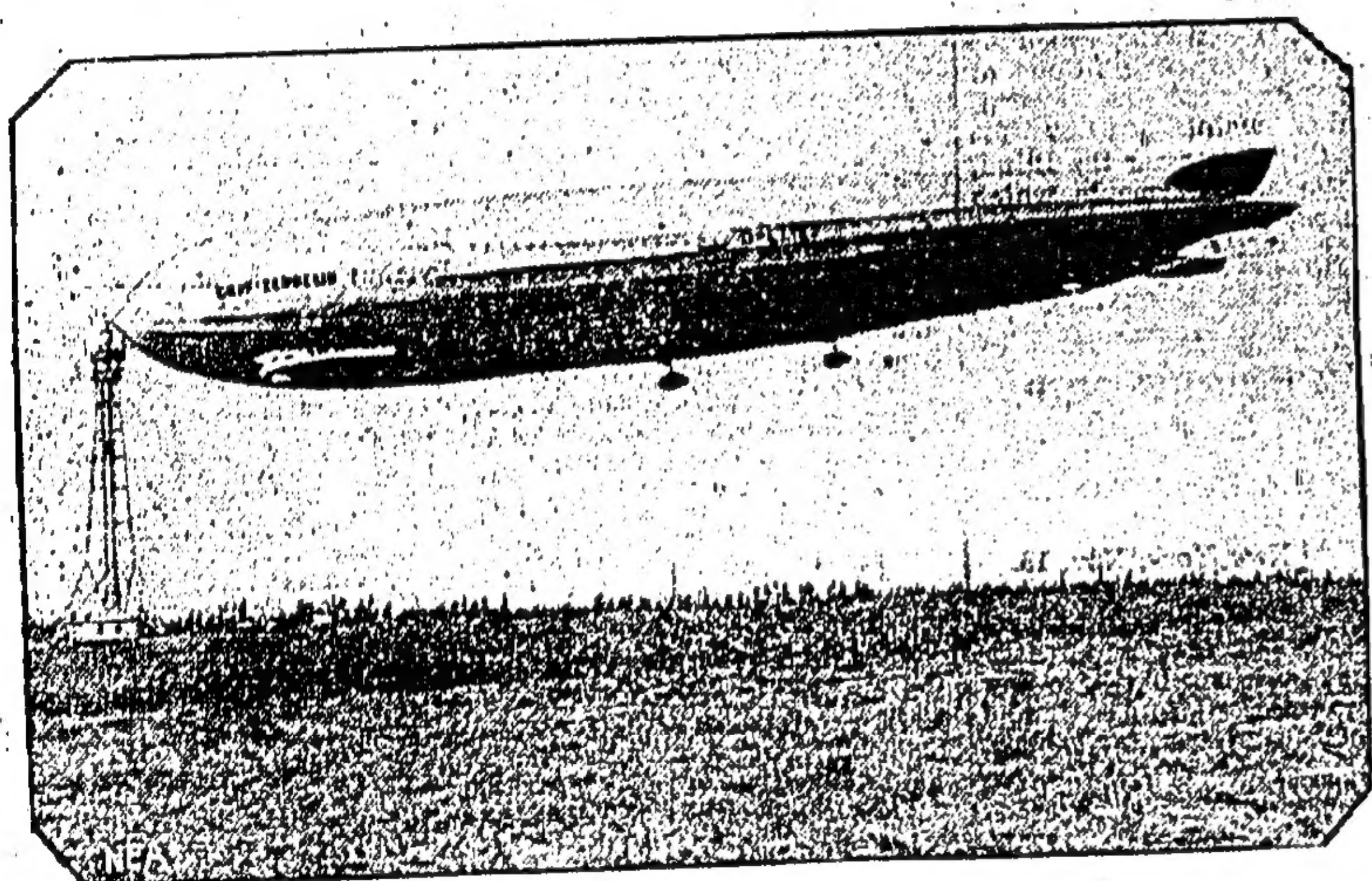
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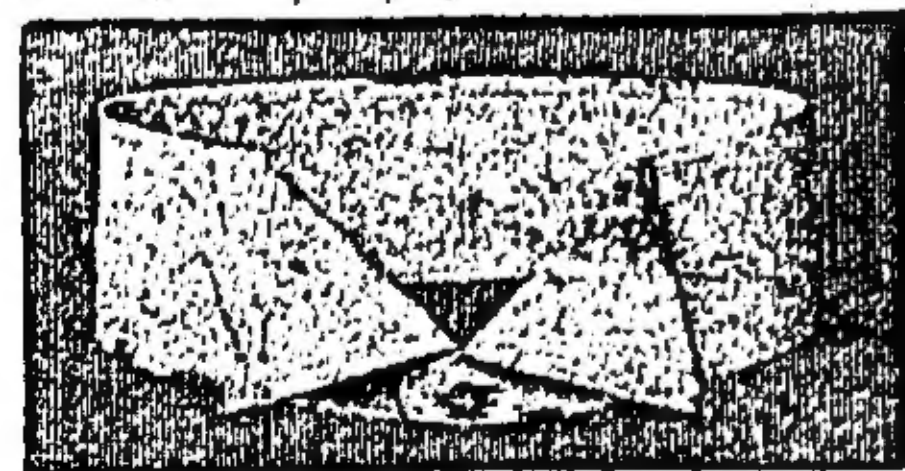
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DEATH.

CASTRO.—On the 13th instant, at 11.15 p.m., suddenly, at the Government Civil Hospital, Carlos Maria Castro, age 65. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.15 p.m. (Macao, Shanghai and Manila papers please copy).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14 1928.

FLYING IN THE EAST.

The success which has so far attended the first Chinese long-distance flight, the complete circuit of which will be from Canton to Peking and back, should prove of much encouragement to those who are interesting themselves in the development of aviation here in the South. Hongkong is particularly gratified to see such a good start made in Canton, and the Colony looks forward to the day when it will play its rightful role in commercial flying. Of the value of aviation there is now no question whatever; what is more, it is becoming safer with every year that passes. On this point, we have the word of such a practical man as Sir Alan Cobham, who has been recently insisting that flying, properly carried out, is as safe as any other form of transport that can be mentioned. Indeed, he says that if figures mean anything, they prove, on a percentage or any other basis, that in civil aviation there has been less mortality than in any other form of transport. That is a point that should be remembered by those who may have any prejudice against the development of aviation.

Aviation enthusiasts in Hongkong are keenly awaiting the formation of the local Light Seaplane Club, the essential preliminary work in connexion with which is, we are informed, being pushed on with as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note what the same type of Club formed in Singapore has been able to accomplish after an existence of only six months, for four of which it was out of action awaiting the arrival of an instructor. At present, the fleet consists of only two De Havilland seaplanes, although another has been provided for by a debenture issue and there are hopes of getting a fourth machine by securing a loan from the Government. With the two machines in operation, 200 hours have already been flown and five

members have flown solo. The Club has 130 members in Singapore and 30 more up-country, whilst several others are well on the way to becoming pilots. Financial assistance from the Government has placed the Club on a good basis to start, with the result that membership is inexpensive, the entrance fee being \$25, with a monthly subscription of \$5. Visitors, who do not contemplate joining the Club, can enjoy "joy-rides" at the rate of \$20 a "flip." A clubhouse is in course of erection, and the machines are housed in a well-constructed hanger in which, for extra recreation, two Badminton courts have been laid out. As the Singapore Club has been organised on lines which we presume will be very largely followed in Hongkong, these details should prove of interest to those who intend joining up the local organisation when it is established. It may be added that a Moth seaplane costs about \$9,500, which is, of course, considerably more than the price of a land machine, the floats constituting a rather expensive item.

Although pleasure flying is quite naturally a feature of these Flying Clubs, they will, it is believed, play an important role in the opening up of air routes. There is a great opportunity along these lines in the Far East, in which Hongkong should play its proper part. Civil aviation is the real basis of air-power to-day, and it is destined to have an even greater influence as time goes on. Much has already been done by the pioneers of flying to open up trade routes, just as the merchant adventurers did with sailing ships in days gone by. In this work, Flying Clubs will be of value in providing the local links and in demonstrating the possibilities which lie ahead.

Hongkong At Night.

Hongkong is so accustomed to the undisguised pleasure of the visitor in the wonderful panorama of the city by night, the twinkling array of jewels which is happiest when the evening is darkest, that a critic would, with some justification, be regarded with concern. There is, however, ground for the feeling of an American visitor, who recently remarked to us that the beauty from afar degenerates into chaos on closer contact. Anyone who stands after dusk at the corner of a busy thoroughfare in West Point (or Yaumatei) is bound to feel that the plethora of luminant advertisement is rather a nuisance than a boon, and that the mass of lights is so confusing that their original purpose is lost. The centre of the city, striking by contrast, does not suffer in the least by comparison in the aesthetic sense. The Chinese have from time immemorial used illumination as a means of business propaganda, and with modern development of electricity, artificial light has acquired greater and greater significance in this direction. We are inclined to agree, however, that in many cases the limits of what is tolerable has been overstepped, though signs are likely to be forthcoming. We can at least congratulate ourselves in having escaped those lurid sky-signs which are held up as the last word in advertisement in big American cities. An attempt was made some little time ago to introduce one of these flickering monstrosities in the centre of the city, but fortunately the authorities thought it desirable to intervene. We would not, however, venture to suggest a solution of the blare of the Chinese restaurants, since the problem is inevitably linked up with the Chinese delight in gaudy display.

SNATCHER DISGORGES EAR-RINGS.

HID THEM IN HIS MOUTH.

After a chase through Po Hing Fong, a Chinese who had snatched a pair of ear-rings from a Chinese woman, was caught and was carefully searched for the stolen property. A curious catch in his speech attracted the attention of the private watchman who arrested him, and the thief was eventually made literally to disgorge the pair of ear-rings which he had concealed in his mouth. Before Major C. Willson this morning, the man was charged and sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch.

DAY BY DAY.

NO POSSESSION IS GRATIFYING WITHOUT A COMPANION.—Seneca.

The B. I. s.s. Takada, from Singapore, is due here on Sunday morning.

Mr. H. Ore was a passenger for the North on the Katori Maru, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Fourquet left on the Korea Maru.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, left Shanghai on Tuesday for Kagoshima, while H.M.S. Berwick left Fusan for Karatsu.

The Fire Brigade's annual drill display is to take place at the Central Police Headquarters on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m. It will be open to the public.

The Dutch s.s. Van Heutz, from Straits ports with 2,046 deck passengers, reports the death of two en route, the bodies being buried at sea. There was also one birth on board.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen, O.B.E., and Mr. S. K. Wong of Singapore the well-known tin and rubber magnates are expected here by the Empress of France on their annual holiday.

A Concert organised by Mrs. Baleen will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday 22nd November at 5.30 p.m. Tickets may be booked at the Secretary's office. Ten tickets must be booked in advance.—Adv.

The highest cargo entered this morning was a big consignment of fuel oil by the Norwegian s.s. Adna from San Pedro for the Standard Oil. This is being discharged at the Company's North Point installation.

An operative employed at R. Corney's glass-factory at Causeway Bay, while at work at a windlass, was accidentally caught by the machine, his right arm being severely mangled before he was extricated. He was taken to hospital.

Chan Pak-woon, a workman employed at the Commercial Press workshops at Kennedy Town, was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday for treatment of injuries received as the result of his right hand being caught in a paper-machine.

The two new ferry service boats of the Federated Malay States Railways, which were built in Hongkong, arrived safely at Penang on Nov. 4, via Singapore. Captain J.T. Lang was in command of the Elizabeth, while Captain A. Allen had charge of the Violet.

Among the passengers arriving on the Blue Funnel s.s. Hector were Mr. D. S. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mowbray Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Millett, Mrs. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson.

Sir Reginald Stubbs (Capt. General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica) had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace on October 12, when His Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

An elderly woman from Panama, named Basile Fernandez, was fined \$75 by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for keeping an illegal house at No. 5, Wai Ching Street. It was stated that the place was frequented by naval men and it was with the aid of ratings from a ship in port that the defendant was brought before the Court.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 11 arrivals and 25 departures, British three and 12 leaving 57 vessels in port, British 19. Tonnage and freights slumped, there being only one inward cargo of four figures and four throughs, of which three were of four figures, all British. Tonnage totalled 22,000, with British freights totalling 6,000 tons.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones on a Chinese who was charged with stealing an attaché case from an acquaintance whom he had met on the Canton train on Monday. The complainant was taken by the defendant to a friend's house and while the owner of the attaché case was out, the defendant took it away but was later arrested at the Yaumatei Ferry Wharf.

The following appointments to the Colonial Service have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—Hongkong:—Lieut. L. R. Andrews, A.J.F., to be Assistant Crown Solicitor; Federated Malay States:—Mr. W. A. Caldwell, to be Engineer Chemist; Mr. G. B. Follett, and Mr. T. Q. Gaffikin to be Police Probationers. Straits Settlements:—Mr. N. G. Norris and Mr. A. C. Maxwell, to be Police Probationers.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

A MUCH ENJOYED ORGAN RECITAL.

Foochow, Nov. 8.
A great treat was in store for those, and they were many, who attended the organ recital given in the British Episcopal Church by Mr. Temple P. M. Bevan last evening. The organ pieces included Prelude and Fugue in G (Bach), Reverie in E Flat (Lemare), Evening Song (Baird), Largo (Handel), and March from "Judas Maccabaeus" (Handel). Mr. W. Maurice Barton also contributed solos, from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul", Elgar's "Light of Life", and Whittier's "Worship" to Geoffrey Shaw's setting. Altogether it was a delightful performance, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Bevan and Barton. A collection was taken in aid of the Organ Fund, chiefly to defray the expenses of the recent re-

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

The first official suggestion of the importance of Kowloon originated with a naval officer? This was Captain W.K. Hall, of H.M.S. Calcutta, who forwarded to the Governor a letter suggesting the acquisition of Kowloon and Stonecutters Island.

Eventually, Sir Hercules Robinson, the then Governor, authorised steps towards that end, and Viceroy Lord of Canton agreed. In 1860, a lease was signed, sealed and delivered leasing the Peninsula in perpetuity.

The ceremony for the handing over of Kowloon took place on January 19th, 1861, in the presence of a vast concourse of people being attended by Lord Elgin (on a mission to China), Sir Hercules Robinson, and Mr. Adams, the acting Chief Justice. Lord Elgin was met by four Chinese mandarins, who handed to him some earth in a piece of paper, as a sign that the territory was henceforth to be British.

novation and repairs to the organ. This realised about \$450.

The weather has been extraordinarily warm of late, being over 80 degrees in the shade in the middle of the day, and not cooling off very much at night. The dry weather has enabled the tennis tournaments to finish earlier than usual. Some of the results may be of interest. Mr. J. Chubb once more won the Men's Championship Singles, Mrs. Moss the Ladies' Championship Singles, and Messrs. T. and J. Chubb the Men's Championship Doubles. Hockey is now being started, and it is hoped that a game of mixed hockey will be played every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the next Spring.

Nothing has occurred (so far as I know) to lend colour to recent fears as to further trouble in Foochow. Probably some arrangements will be made whereby the possible trouble-makers will be placated.—Our Own Correspondent.

NO STEAMERS TO KONGMOON.

VESSELS ALLEGED TO HAVE OVERLOADED.

The service to Kongmoon was entirely suspended last night, when the two vessels engaged, the s.s. Tai Lee (Captain E. Midgeley), and the s.s. Sanning (Captain E.P. Smith), were held up by Harbour Office representatives for alleged overloading.

It is alleged that the Tai Lee was down to more than seven inches over her marks, with a cargo of 100 tons of cement on her two decks, while the Sanning was about two inches above marks.

The s.s. Tai Lee after partial discharge, will sail to-night at 7 p.m. and return immediately, reaching here to-morrow evening early and sailing again for the West River ports at 9 p.m. The s.s. Sanning is cutting out the trip and will not leave here until 7 p.m. to-morrow, to-night's voyage being made by s.s. San Nam Hoi (Captain Sparke).

Many passengers on both vessels elected to remain on board over the 24 hours, as they were travellers from distant parts, returning to their country and without friends in Hongkong or means to stay on shore.

The forthcoming wedding is announced to take place in the Cathedral, Shanghai, on January 2, 1929, of Mr. H. Glover, representative of Messrs. Pilkington Bros. Ltd., to Miss D. Palmer, of Crouch End, London. Mr. Glover sails for Shanghai on Tuesday next the 20th inst., on board the President Jefferson.

The Very Idea!

The legacy of one shilling and a cracked bowl, left to his wife by a Cowering gardener, is reminiscent (says an Evening Standard writer) of the amiable gentleman who left his wife 5s. to buy a rope to hang herself with, and £5 to his son "with which to go to the devil, if he has not already reached that destination."

At whirlwind speed drove Billy Grundy: Relations note—his funeral's Monday.

Twins is a restaurant they met, One Romeo, One Juliet. 'Twas there he first fell into debt, For Romeo'd What Juliet.

"Why didn't you put my luggage in here, as I told you to?" said the passenger to the grizzled porter, as the train moved out of the little railway station.

"Eh, mon," returned the other patronisingly, "yer luggage knows better than yourself. It was marked Edinburgh, and is on its way there. Ye're in the wrong train."

At 90 miles drove Edward John; The motor stopped, but Ed. kept on.

A small boy stared hard at a basket of juicy apples at the show. His eyes grew larger, and his palm grew itchy. He edged nearer it. An official, watching the boy from the next stall, softly struck up whistling a tune.

The boy blushed and crept away, and the official grinned. The tune was "Yield not to temptation."

[A well-known business man suggests that every man of 60 years or over ought to have three months' holiday every year.]

Every man of sixty years of age Ought to have a three months' holiday.

Don't wait till he reveals The exhaustion that he feels, But give him the vacation right away.

He will come back bright and fit To be getting on with it, Having drawn, of course, his customary pay.

'Tis a very pleasant notion, I declare; We are slow in giving age its proper due.

It is really rather sad To be treated like a lad Whose tissues are comparatively new.

While a dose of monkey gland Isn't always close at hand, And it might not quite appeal to me and you,

Yet an economic problem may arise, Who shall do my job while I am at the sea.

To lie upon the sand And to listen to the band Would undoubtedly be suitable for me.

But, returning duly braced, I might find myself displaced— An awkward situation, you'll agree.

Wilkesden Wife: I have forgiven my husband so often. He is a good interceder.

"How can you say that, and a gentleman, too?" exclaimed an elderly widow indignantly at Bow County Court when a solicitor suggested that she had injured her arm by falling about when drunk.

Leytonstone Man (speaking of his sub-tenant): His language is as terrible that I've had to rent a furnished room for my wife and three children at ten shillings a week, so that they shall not hear it.

Asked at Tottenham why he committed a theft, a boy of 13, smiled, shrugged his shoulders, and said, "I don't know."

Witness at Tottenham: I was lying dead in the hospital. Sydenham Man (summoned for deserting his wife): Nearly every morning since I have been married I have had two boiled eggs for breakfast. I think I need a change, don't you?

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 13.
Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.08
Berlin	20.88
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	84.45
Helsinki	102.94
Lisbon	107.6
Bucharest	80.64
Buenos Aires	47.16/82
Shanghai	2.17/4
Yokohama	1/11.1/82
New York	4.84 18/16
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.55
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	18.19
Prague	168.94
Madrid	99.074
Athens	375
Bombay	8.20/88
Calcutta	2.07/4
Hong Kong	2.07/4
Silver (spot)	25 18/16
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

COMPRADORE SUES
EUROPEAN.DEFENDANT COMPLAINS OF
"STINKING MUTTON."

ACTION SUCCESSFUL.

Stating that he refused to pay his compradore because of his "twist and fraud," Mr. A. Kinchin, manager of the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, appeared before Mr. Justice Jackson in the Summary Court this morning to defend an action brought by the compradore shop, Shin Bros., No. 13 Victoria Street, who claimed the sum of \$270.67 as the balance due for goods supplied and delivered. Mr. Kinchin alleged that he had been overcharged, but admitted he owed \$41.89. It was alleged by the defence that the compradore was supposed to have supplied Dairy Farm produce and had charged for such, but had actually supplied cheap goods from the market.

Mr. Kinchin said "owing to the fraud he practised on me, I would not pay him. Many a Sunday I have gone without my dinner owing to the twist and fraud he practised on me. Then he sent me a whole shoulder of mutton, stinking and filthy."

After hearing the evidence, his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios was for the compradore and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

Installments Paid.

Mr. Remedios said the defendant was a customer of the plaintiff from on or about January 1 until June 26 this year when the latter stopped supplies. During that period the plaintiff supplied various articles. The amount due from January 1 to January 17 was paid up by two instalments and that amount had accordingly been left out of the particulars.

Continuing, Mr. Remedios said that the defendant had paid "drifts" on account, sometimes \$10 and sometimes \$5. After reciting details of small payments on account, Mr. Remedios said that at the end of May the balance due was \$228.78, but the plaintiff agreed to accept \$200 in full settlement if payment within a week. That money was not paid, however, and the last payment made was \$10 on June 9.

When he stopped sending supplies, the plaintiff kept the defendant's passbook in which payments were recorded, including one of \$41.

Mr. Russ said that the only amount admitted to be due was \$41.89, which the defendant was willing to pay. "We ceased dealing with this man chiefly owing to the fact that he charged Dairy Farm prices for stuff which was found was not Dairy Farm at all. A piece of mutton was charged full price for, but we found that it had never been near the Dairy Farm."

Mr. Russ added that some time ago Mr. Kinchin got rid of an amah and his books and receipts disappeared at the same time. He insinuated that one of the books in Mr. Remedios' possession was one of the missing books.

Mr. Russ Bullied!

Mr. Remedios was about to make a reply when Mr. Russ remarked "if I say a word, everybody bullies me, and while I am talking they always keep on interrupting."

His Lordship remarked, with a smile, that the Court would offer protection.

Mr. Russ went on to say that after the books and receipts had disappeared, the plaintiff sent in this "huge" bill, but Mr. and Mrs. Kinchin had come to the conclusion that only \$41.89 was owing. It was really a case which ought to go before the Registrar, as there were 36 pages of items, such as a pound of rice, eight cents.

Mr. Remedios asked whether Mr. Russ was submitting that the articles were not supplied. If that was so, notice should have been given.

Mr. Russ:—My friend's client has a nasty little habit of not giving receipts.

Mr. Remedios:—My friend's client has a nasty little habit of playing in drifts.

His Lordship commented that both habits were objectionable.

Offer to Reduce.

In his evidence, the plaintiff stated that when the balance owing was \$228.78 he agreed to reduce the amount to \$200 in full settlement if the money was paid within a week, but it was not paid.

At the same time, Mr. Kinchin said he would settle his account monthly.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, plaintiff agreed that the reason why the plaintiff stopped dealing was because of trouble about a leg of mutton.

It was not that you refused to supply him. It was because he refused to deal with you?—It was because I demanded money from him and he got angry.

Was it because you demanded money from him for the Dairy

AMERICAN NAVAL OIL
SCANDALS.ANOTHER FIRM'S CONTRACT
CANCELLED.

Washington, Nov. 18.

An echo of the United States naval oil scandals is contained in an announcement made to-day of the nullification of the last Government royalty oil contract negotiated by Mr. Fall, the former Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. West, the new Secretary, has ordered the stoppage of delivery of royalty oil to the Lewistown Oil Company of Detroit from the Cat Creek field, Montana.

The order takes effect on November 19th, and is based on the ruling of the Attorney-General, Mr. Sargent, that the contract is invalid.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"THE LATEST FROM
PARIS."ENTERTAINING FILM AT THE
QUEEN'S.

Norma Shearer is seen at her best in "The Latest From Paris," now being screened at the Queen's Theatre. Final showings take place to-day.

There is, actually nothing of Paris in the story, which is built up on the rivalry of a smart young woman with a male competitor. The theme runs smoothly along and develops naturally, with, of course, romance eventually overcoming the claims of business.

The picture is bright and cheerful, and is exceptionally well produced, whilst Norma Shearer and Ralph Forbes take the leads with conspicuous success. Our old friend, George Slaney, also figures in the cast, and the only regret is that he has such a relatively minor role.

We can recommend the film as being most entertaining.

Farm mutton when you supplied him with some horrid stuff from the market?—The pass book belongs to him. I only kept it as agent to get goods for him from the Dairy Farm.

You charged Dairy Farm prices and got it from the market?—He could have taken it back to the Dairy Farm and asked.

I put it to you that it was because of this Dairy Farm trouble that he left you and that you did not stop supplying him?—I say it was because he owed me such a lot of money.

Coolie's Business.

Wasn't there a lot of trouble about the Dairy Farm?—Well, he had trouble with me about a leg of mutton but that is the coolie's business, not mine.

When his Lordship asked what was the point of the cross-examination, Mr. Russ explained he was trying to show that the defendant stopped dealing with the plaintiff, and not vice versa. "The piece of mutton was the last straw that broke the camel's back," he added.

Plaintiff admitted that he had never given receipts, but said he had endorsed amounts paid on the defendant's passbook. The defendant had never asked for receipts.

Mr. Russ proceeded to cross-examine with regard to the various items, showing that several were not used but were found to have been bad and returned. He also tried to show that a bottle of Johnny Walker whiskey had never been received. By these items the account was reduced by several dollars, Mr. Russ remarking that if he went through all the items he could account for "hundreds of dollars."

Mr. Kinchin, giving evidence, said that after receiving particulars of the claim, he and his wife worked it out and came to the conclusion that they only owed \$41 and a few cents. That debt he had always admitted. At no time did he owe a larger sum than \$100. His books and receipts disappeared when the amah left and a book in the possession of Mr. Remedios was one of those.

Mr. Russ:—It must have gone with the other things?—Yes.

The defendant went on to say that an amah left his service early in September and a week afterwards the plaintiff began to press for the money. The sum of \$41 was owing on the last month's account after which he finished dealing with plaintiff.

Mr. Kinchin denied that he ever agreed to pay \$200 in settlement and added that all along he had been overcharged by the plaintiff.

ARMISTICE DAY
AT SHAMEEN.RECORD SUM IN SALE OF
POPPIES.

OVER \$2,000 RAISED.

Shameen Nov. 13.

All foreign gunboats in port dressed ship on Sunday in honour of the 10th anniversary of the Armistice. The ex-Servicemen met at the Victoria Hotel at 10 o'clock and proceeded to Christ Church, Shameen, where a special service was held, the Rev. Wittenbach officiating.

At the Roman Catholic Church there was also a special Mass at 9.30 a.m. followed by a review of the French land and sea forces; whilst a reception was held in the French Consulate at 11.30 a.m.

Japanese Reception.

Yesterday, Monday, was a Bank Holiday. At 11.30 a.m. the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yano, and Mrs. Yano held a reception at their residence in honour of the Coronation of the Emperor. In a short speech during which he touched on the subject of the Armistice, Mr. Yano called for three "Banzais" for the Emperor. Amongst those present were Mr. J. F. Brennan, H.B.M. Consul-General; Monsieur Danjou, Consul for France; Mr. Sakowaky, representing Dr. Crull, Consul General for Germany; Senhor Costa, Consul-General for Portugal; Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Consul-General for the United States; Mr. Hoffmeister, Consul for Switzerland; Mr. Woudenberg, Consul for the Netherlands; Mr. Batchelor, Chairman of the Shameen Municipal Council; Captain G. A. Clements, Dr. Ferguson, Commissioner of Customs; Mr. L. Henry, Commissioner of Posts; Major Oliverson, Director of the Board of Conservancy of Kwangtung; and many other foreign and Chinese friends.

During the day poppies were sold for the Earl Haig Fund and as a further source of revenue for this fund, a small booklet entitled "Delta Ditties" was on sale at the price of two dollars. This little booklet was mostly written by Lieutenant Grimes, late of His Majesty's armed launch *Nessus*.

Poppies Auctioned.

At 12.30 p.m. there was an official reception in the Canton Club for all members and their friends at which there was a very large attendance. Mr. Batchelor, as Chairman of the Canton Club, made a short speech and then called on the few remaining poppies. All nationalities responded nobly and as much as £11 was paid for a single poppy.

The first poppy fell to Mr. Tyson, of the Standard Oil Co., at H.K. \$100. Other good bids were:—Mr. M. A. Annett, \$20; Mrs. T. M. Knott, \$11; Captain R. M. Hunt, \$4; Mr. J. F. Brennan, \$5; Monsieur L. Duchateau, \$10; Mr. R. K. Batchelor, \$5 5s.; Mr. C. H. Bowker, \$1 1s.; Mr. J. J. Jones, \$100; Monsieur H. Laffond, \$50; Mr. G. M. D. D. Wolf, \$5.

Other important contributions were:—Mr. A. V. Hoag, \$50; Mr. J. Linaker, \$30; Mr. T. M. Knott, \$25; Mr. D. Latimer, \$30; Mr. F. Gandossel, \$50.

In all, Shameen raised yesterday over H.K. \$2,200 against their

ATLANTIC LINER
DISASTER.

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hours in the sea supported by a lifebelt.

Airship to Search.

There have been busy scenes at the Lakehurst hangar where the airship *Los Angeles* is being prepared to take the air. The mammoth dirigible is expected on the scene of the disaster during the course of the night.

Visibility, however, is very poor and very strong northerly winds are blowing.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Lifeboats Found.

New York, Nov. 13.

The steamer *American Shipper* first found some of the *Vestris* lifeboats.

The *American Shipper* reported that all the *Vestris* lifeboats except possibly one or two, and except for one life raft, have been picked up. The steamer *Myrtland* picked up two lifeboats.

The drama of the sinking of the *Vestris*, was followed most closely by wireless listeners ashore, who heard the messages exchanged between the *Vestris* and ships rushing to the rescue, beginning with the first S.O.S. and finishing with the intimation that the passengers and crew were leaving the doomed liner, and the *Vestris* operator's final "Goodbye."

The hardships faced by the passengers and crew of the *Vestris*, and the difficulties of the search for her boats, were indicated in reports by ships in the vicinity, of strong winds and heavy seas. The passengers included many prominent business and society folk.

Heroic Operator.

The *Vestris* ran into a hurricane on Sunday, and was severely battered. She wirelessed at six yesterday morning that she was having trouble, but needed no assistance. Her first S.O.S. was sent out at 10.5 in the morning, and subsequently she continued to call for help. In three hours she stated she had hove to in the storm, and developed a starboard list of thirty-two degrees, the deck being under water, and she was slowly sinking.

The young wireless operator on the *Vestris*, true to tradition, heroically kept in contact with other vessels and shore stations until the rising waters put the wireless out of action.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over Manchuria. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh generally overcast, occasional rain.

previous record of H.K. \$1,500 in 1927.

Last evening Mr. Carter's "Serenaders" gave a very successful performance in the Canton Club Theatre after which their jazz band played on till the early hours of the morning and dancing was enjoyed.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

OPIUM HAULS IN
KOWLOON.SEIZURES MADE IN SEVERAL
HOUSES.

OFFENDERS IN COURT.

A seizure of over 80 taels of prepared opium was made by Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit and a party of Chinese revenue officers in different houses on the mainland yesterday morning. The largest haul was made at No. 844, Canton Road, where 38.4 taels were found, while at No. 873, Canton Road the officers were rewarded with another 31 taels. Occupants of the houses where the drug was discovered were produced before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when his Worship imposed fines totalling \$2,750.

No Appearance. The first case mentioned was one in which a tenant of No. 10, Hamilton Street was called to answer a charge of being in possession of 1.5 taels of prepared opium.

The defendant did not appear and his bail of \$100 was estreated. With two previous convictions under the Opium Ordinance against him, the occupier of No. 46, Battery Street, was fined \$250 for possession of 2.2 taels. The alternative was six months' hard labour.

A female resident of No. 278, Reclamation Street was fined \$400, or six months' imprisonment, for being in possession of 5.1 taels.

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed on a Chinese of No. 873, Canton Road, who was charged with possession of 31 taels. The opium was valued at \$250.

Master Wanted.

When two Chinese of No. 48, Battery Street were charged with possession of two taels of prepared opium, the defendants disclaimed all responsibility of the contraband, remarking that the master had left the premises before the revenue officers visited the floor.

R. O. Grimmit informed his Worship that he was accepting the defendants' story and desired to withdraw the case against them. He wanted, however, a warrant for the apprehension of the master, who, the prosecution was satisfied, had absconded.

The two defendants were accordingly discharged.

On visiting No. 844, Canton Road, the party of revenue officers found a Chinese lying on a bed on which 38.4 taels of prepared opium were subsequently discovered. The man admitted that the drug belonged to him and that he had paid \$3 per tael for the opium. When charged before his Worship, however, the defendant said that the opium belonged to his master who instructed him to take responsibility for the drug and he (the master) would find the necessary money for bail.

His Worship said that the defendant could not admit possession and then deny it the next moment. His explanation could not be accepted. He would be fined \$1,000, or nine months' hard labour in default.

DR. SUN YAT SEN'S
BIRTHDAY.

KUOMINTANG CELEBRATIONS

Shanghai, Nov. 13. Much enthusiasm was displayed in Peking, Tientsin, Nanking and Shanghai during the commemoration meetings held yesterday on the occasion of the birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the founder of the Kuomintang.

A large gathering of members was held at the Nanking Central Kuomintang headquarters yesterday and despite heavy rainfall, thousands of people attended meetings at the Kiangsu Provincial Government office, at the Municipal Government and at the National Government offices.

The Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Wu-Han-min, delivered a short speech, saying that the birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen marked an era of freedom and independence to the people of China. Mr. Wu urged those who followed and laboured with the late Dr. Sun to continue their efforts to accomplish the unfinished work of the revolutionary movement in China.

Mr. Tan Yen-kai, Chief of the Administrative Council, said it was no exaggeration to say that the late Dr. Sun had freed the people of China from a yoke which had been over them for a thousand years.

The commemoration in Peking took the form of paying respect to the tomb of the late founder at Shihai, in Peking.

Lady Patricia Russell, whilst staying at Antibes, on the Riviera, was robbed of jewels worth 100,000 francs (about £200). The thief is said to have cycled away from the house after taking the jewels. Lady Patricia Russell, aged 26, is a daughter of the second Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. She lives at Monte Carlo.

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LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

Entries for the Open Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony, being promoted for the first time, do not close until Thursday, but already the Secretary of the Chinese Recreation Club, which is conducting this tournament, reports an encouraging interest. So far, fifteen couples have entered, including some of the Colony's top-most talent. It is expected that at least five more entries will be received, making a total of twenty. It is also hoped that Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, who are regarded as the Colony's strongest pair, will be among those participating.

Entries close on Thursday and the draw will take place at the C.R.C. at 5.30 on Friday afternoon. Competitors and all others interested are welcome to attend.

The following are the entries so far: Mrs. Donald Smith and Major R. H. Lucas (U.S.R.C.), Mrs. Cadman and E. D. Lawrence (H.K.C.C.), Miss Luard and Horace Lo (C.R.C.), Miss Enid Lo and M. W. Lo (C.R.C.), Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes (U.S.R.C.), Mrs. Gull and L. Luck (Civil Service), Mrs. B. G. Grigor and J. G. Lawrie (H.K.C.C.), Mrs. James and G. W. Sewell (H.K.C.C.), Mrs. Lindsell and M. K. Lo (C.R.C.),

U.S. MARINE CORPS.

A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL FROM TIENTSIN.

Shanghai, Nov. 13. It is understood that five hundred U.S. Marines, including infantry, aviation, and artillery units, are being withdrawn from Tientsin on December 15 for America, leaving one thousand in Tientsin.—Reuter.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI against the Club de Recreio II at King's Park on Thursday, 15th, at 5 p.m.—W. Borrowman; V. Petherick; F. S. Smith; E. G. Sewell; J. M. Purvis; W. McIntyre; A. Tate; G. Mitchell; T. Soddon; T. J. Price; W. H. Smith. Reserves: W. E. Price, P. Sands.

Mrs. M. Hosford and C. K. Spittley (Civil Service), Mrs. Sayer and R. E. Lindsell (Peak Club), Mrs. Bennett and J. A. Cosmehay (Craigengower), Mrs. Pankhurst and W. J. Howard (Craigengower), Mrs. A. J. Kew and E. C. Fincher (H.K.C.C.), S. E. Green and Miss Hoard (K.C.C.), P. M. Pinguet and Mrs. McCall (K.C.C.).

THE WORLD OF SPORT



CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

The little rain that we had just before Saturday had a wonderful effect on wickets which thus played much truer than for the last month. Those who are on the Ground Committees of local clubs will breathe a sigh of relief for the anxiety which has been lifted from their minds. There will no longer, at least for some little time, be necessity for that constant supervision of the ground coolies, as an ordinary rolling twice a week will now put the pitch in excellent condition.

It was not surprising to see that high scoring was the rule rather than the exception in the fixtures over the week-end. Hayward's knock on the Club ground in the two-day match against Kowloon eclipsed all the other performances. He treated all the other bowlers with the same scant respect and executed his shots with perfect timing. Time and again he got Goodwin and Brace away nicely to leg and drove and cut Ross, Ramsay and E. F. Fincher in masterly fashion. To the experienced eye, the day he smothered the rising ball was really a treat. Kowloon paid dearly for the early chances given by Lammert and Quick, which were not accepted. Lammert should have been got out for nothing (he eventually made 42) and Quick did not deserve more than 10, if the two "sitters" which he presented to the slips had been taken.

Lammert, for the most part, was more subdued than usual, which is quite the wrong method for him, a natural "hitter", to adopt. He was, however, just loosening out and finding the boundary more often when he got into two minds about a yorker from Ramsay which was crying out to be punished for four.

The Padre's innings was solid rather than spectacular, but the fielders have themselves to blame for allowing him to get to within three runs of a century.

When Owen Hughes came in shortly after the ten interval, the setting had already been knocked out of the bowling. He collected 81 in a very short time and but for darkness setting in, would assuredly have got into three figures.

The Kowloon fielding, for them, was unusually poor. Ramsay and E. F. Fincher were the only exceptions—they were always most dependable. Smith redeemed himself somewhat for his indifferent display when he brilliantly caught Quick off his own bowling.

Even Kowloon's most optimistic supporters could not have hoped to see their side get the 399 runs to tie the first innings, but with their strong batting force it was not too much to expect them to make a draw of it in two innings. Wales, however, made short work of their batsmen; he returned the splendid analysis for the day of 14 wickets for 78 runs.

Of the League matches, which were all in the Junior Division, the overwhelming win of Craigengower over Electric R.C. was rather surprising. Fletcher's bowling played a large part in the dismissal of the visitors for only 55 runs, of which skipper J. R. Way put up 26. The opposing batsmen were never comfortable against Fletcher's slow legbreaks and it is felt that if "J.C." can be induced to turn out regularly, and has Fritz as his partner in opening the attack, there will not be many teams in the Junior League who will be able to run up big totals against Craigengower's 2nd XI.

A fine innings for 53 by Patterson for the Civil Service 2nd was the feature of their match against Club de Recreio at King's Park. Bowlers held the upper hand and a draw would have been a more correct index of the game as the Civil Servants lost by only two runs in an exciting finish.

Li-Col. Wyatt carried the Royal Engineers to victory against the Army Ordnance Corps. After a long spell with the ball in which he took six wickets for five runs apiece he followed up this performance with a beautifully-played innings for 47.

LAWN BOWLS.

CLUB DE RECREIO EVENT POSTPONED.

On account of the inclement weather, the lawn bowls event which was to take place at the Club de Recreio's ground this afternoon has been postponed. H. E. the Officer Administering the Government was to have taken over a party to take part in the matches. The revised date of the function will be announced later.

Mr. George Bosch, a merchant living in Sydney has given £220,000 to the University for the "promotion of medical and surgical knowledge." This brings the total of Mr. Bosch's benefactions for similar purposes to over £250,000.

neighbours, Civil Service, a close run in their League fixture this week. The latter are still a fine batting side, but their bowling strength is greatly depleted so that I should not be surprised to see Craigengower making a real fight of it and snatch the full three points.

At Sookumpoo, Indian R.C. are likely to get the better of Royal Artillery. The Gunners have several uncommonly useful players, but, as a team, they perhaps lack the combination necessary to upset the steady I.R.C. XI.

The undefeated Indian 2nd team will be up against formidable opponents in Kowloon C.C. I do not expect the League leaders to go under, but Kowloon will have home-ground advantage and are likely to fully extend their guests. Encouraged by their convincing display of last week, Craigengower juniors are fairly confident of the issue in their game with Civil Service.

Unless the Police R.C. do better in batting, it is unlikely that they will trouble the Recreio overmuch. I also predict a win for Royal Engineers at the expense of Electric R.C.

CANTON GOLF.

MR. J. RODGER WINS THE SLESVIG CUP.

The annual competition for the Slesvig Cup was played off on Sunday over 36 holes on the Tungshan Recreation Club's Course at Tungshan, Canton.

Mr. J. Rodger was first with a nett score of 147, other scores were: Mr. J. Parsons 149. Mr. C. E. Watson 156. Mr. R. K. Batchelor 157. Other competitors were Captain R. O. Rutherford, Messrs. G. C. Kitching, F. Gandoal, G. H. Bowker, A. J. Evans, Andrew, H. Lafford, M. A. Annet, Sandstrom, B. Anthony, W. Stratton, A. N. Spencer, Geldhart, H. G. McNeary, J. C. H. Bonbright, J. T. Smith and V. H. Hunter.

The Slesvig Cup was first put up by the Danish Community in Canton in 1920 to mark the reunion of Northern Slesvig, which had been seized by Germany in 1864, to Denmark, on July 9th, 1920.

Previous holders have been: 1920, C. E. Watson; 1921, J. Walker; 1922, C. E. Watson; 1923, C. E. Watson; 1924, J. Scotchmer; 1925/1927, not played for.—Our Own Correspondent

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

NEW CLUBHOUSE TO BE OPENED.

Saturday will be a big day with the Hongkong Football Club, for at 4 o'clock in the afternoon H. E. the Officer Administering the Government is to perform the opening ceremony of the new Clubhouse at Happy Valley. All interested are invited to attend.

Occasion is being taken to make it an "All Club" day, for two attractive matches have been arranged for the afternoon. The first of these will be a Rugby game between the Club and the United Services, to start at 2.45 p.m., and this will be followed by an Association match between the Club and the Kowloon F.C., starting at 4.15 p.m. The Junior Association game between the Club and the Chinese Athletic has been postponed to enable this special programme to be carried out.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WELCH REGIMENT TO PLAY TO-MORROW.

It has been found possible at the last minute to fix a Rugby match at Happy Valley between the Welch Regiment and the Hongkong Football Club for tomorrow afternoon (Thursday) at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

This should prove one of the most attractive matches of the season, and it is hoped that all interested in "Rugger" will make a special effort to be present.

The Club will be at full strength, with the probable exception of V. W. L. Stannion, who is not due back from Canton until Thursday evening.

The Club side will be as follows:—R. Grieve; G. P. Lammert, H. V. Koop, V. W. L. Stannion (or G. A. L. Plummer), M. D. Scott; C. D. Wales, J. L. Bonnar; H. F. Akehurst, P. L. P. Thomas, J. Riddell, F. D. Roberts, R. J. West, W. Beyeridge, B. P. Massay and J. H. Raikes.

SNOOKER ENTRIES.

THE DRAW FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following is the draw for the Snooker Championship, which will commence at the Palace Hotel next Monday:

Sequerra, bye; Jones, bye; Leung, bye; Law v. Stewart, Crut, v. Q. Lee; Black v. Osmund, H. J. White v. Heard; Wichey v. Ismail, Silva v. Mr. C. Mr. B. v. Remedios, Sinn v. Buxton, Russakoff v. Lewis, Kirby v. Hawke, H. da Luz, bye; Earnshaw, bye; H. G. White, bye.

FANLING GOLF.

A. B. RAWORTH WINS THE ROGEEY POOL.

Forty nine cards were taken out in the Rogeey Pool at Fanling over the week-end. A. B. Raworth won with a card of 4 up, F. A. Merry being second, 3 up. Other scores were: W. D. Brown and L. G. S. Sedwell (twice), one up; R. H. Hollis and H. G. Howard, all square; E. Des Voeux and T. D. E. Pendered one down.

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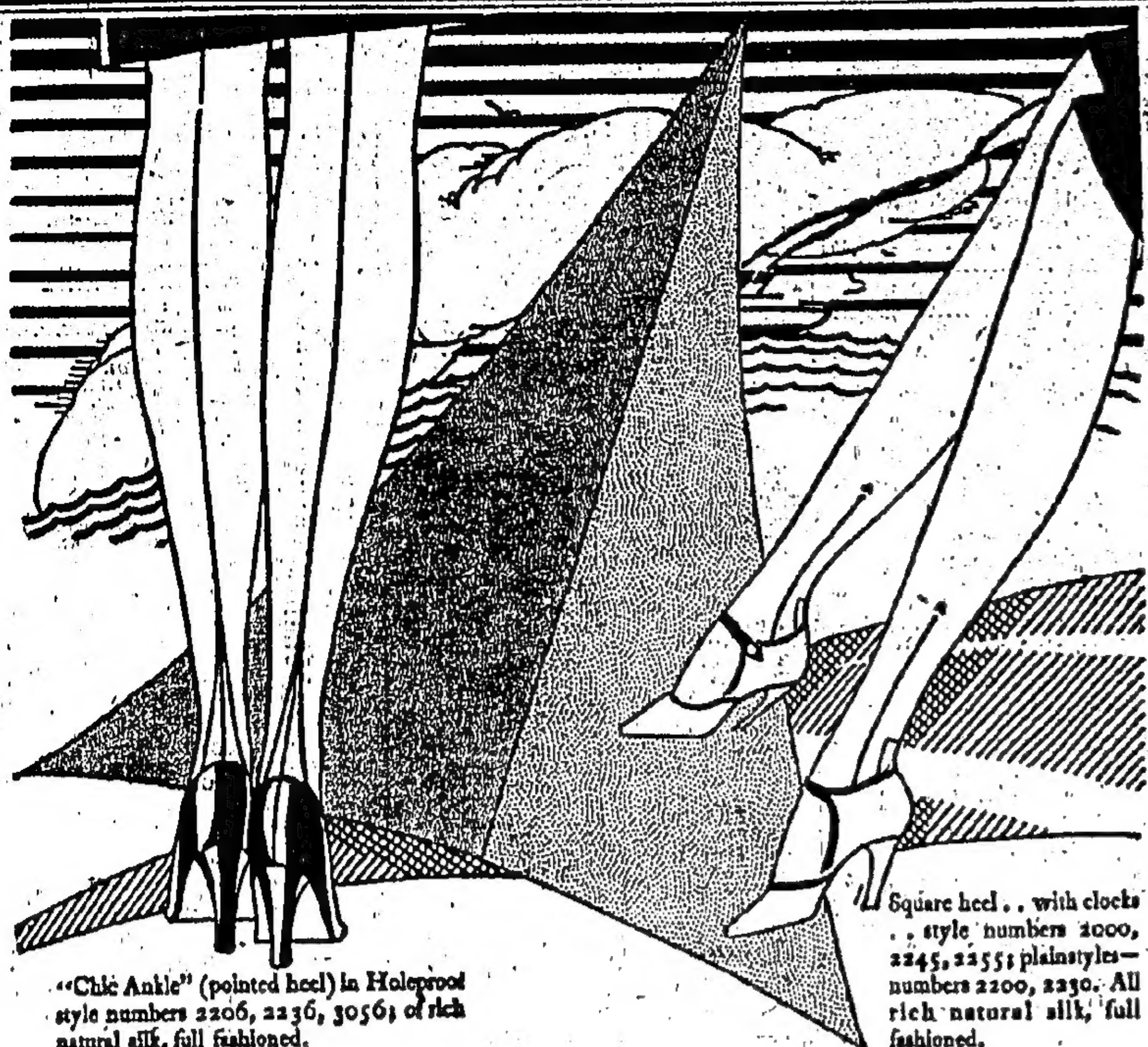
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COMMON PRACTICE.

EMPLOYEES CLAIM THEIR DEPOSITS.

The affairs of a company, which was stated by Mr. C. A. S. Russ to be very similar to the former South China Trade Protection Association, were discussed in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jackson, when four claims were made against the South China Imports and Exports Company and partners for the return of deposit money and wages.

It is alleged by the plaintiffs that they deposited money in return for a job, but after working for several months the premises were found locked on September 22, and one of the partners had had valuable furniture removed to his house. One partner had absconded and another had gone bankrupt.

The writs were issued against the company at No. 85, Queen's Road Central; Chung Kam-ching, No. 259 Queen's Road East; Hui Hin-tat, No. 254, Hollywood Road; Mrs. Chan Cheek-fan, No. 20, Graham Street, and Mrs. Choi Mong-han, No. 39, Graham Street, alleged to be partners.

Partnership is denied by the two women, who are defending the action. Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who is conducting their case, stated that they were employed merely as saleswomen and had no share in the business.

Mr. Russ is for the plaintiffs, who are as follows with their claims:

Chan Che-fong has brought two actions, one personally, and another as the Hop Shing Company, No. 25 Hollywood Road. As the company he claims \$600 as money deposited. Personally he claims \$710, being \$500 deposited and \$210 three months' salary.

Ho Che-wan, No. 83, Connaught Road Central, claims \$390 deposit and \$80 as two months' salary.

The fourth claim is by Tang Pak-ming, No. 29, Sau Wah Fong, who claims \$300 deposit and \$120 as three months' salary.

"Splitting" the Claim?

Prior to the opening of the case, Mr. Hodgson pointed out that Chan Che-fong had filed two writs. They both bore the same date and related cause. He brought the matter forward because if the plaintiff succeeded in the action then the question of costs would arise.

Mr. Russ agreed but explained that two separate notes had been given for the money and that gave the plaintiff the right to file two writs.

Mr. Hodgson remarked that it amounted to "splitting the claim" to avoid the cost of an action in Original Jurisdiction.

Mr. Russ said that if the plaintiff sued on the two notes under one writ the amount so claimed would be in excess of the Summary Court jurisdiction, which was \$1,000. In any case he had the right to sue on the notes separately.

The point was put over until a later stage, Mr. Russ saying that he would produce authorities to show that it was not a case of "splitting."

Condemned Practice.

In opening his case, Mr. Russ explained that the facts were very similar to those in the recent South China Trade Protection Association case. In the present case people were induced to join the company and work for a reasonably good wage, but in order to do so they had to make deposits. That practice, added Mr. Russ, was getting too common in Hongkong and was much condemned.

Continuing, Mr. Russ said that one of the plaintiff's stories would be that he was induced to join the company by the fifth defendant, Mrs. Choi Mong-han, while the other plaintiffs would say that they had been asked to join by one or another of the partners.

After some time money became "tight," as it always did in such a company, and consequently a prospectus was issued by the partners in which they asked the public to subscribe for shares. The company was supposed to have a capital of \$10,000, each of the women partners having shares of \$1,000. However, one of the male partners had absconded and as the women had held themselves out to be partners they were responsible to the plaintiffs. In fairness to the women, he added, it was likely that they knew nothing about the matter and that they had been "left in the soup" themselves. However, the plaintiffs had the right to claim, especially as the women approached the first plaintiff and offered to pay \$500 in settlement and asked him not to proceed with the action.

Office Closed Down.

Evidence in support of Mr. Russ's opening statement was given by Chan Che-fong, who stated that he went to the office on September 22 and found it locked. No business had been carried on since and a prohibitory order had been made on the goods. Chung Kam-ching had an interim

receiving order made against him and Hui Hin-tat had absconded.

Mr. Russ who took the money?

—There was no money.

Well, who took the assets of the Company, such as your deposits?

—Chung and Hui took a lot away.

The former had valuable furniture removed to his house.

After the writ was issued he saw both the women defendants. They invited him into a cafe to have a cold drink and when inside they offered him \$500 in settlement and asked him not to proceed with the action against them. In reply he told them that he must consult with the other creditors (plaintiffs).

Offer of Settlement.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hodgson, plaintiff said that when he paid his deposit he was given a promissory note. Later he saw an advertisement in a Chinese newspaper which stated that only documents bearing two signatures would be considered as valid. He accordingly asked for another note, which was given, bearing two signatures.

Mr. Hodgson: I put it to you that what you have said about these two ladies is absolutely untrue?—No.

What if the ladies tell you that they own no share at all in the reorganised business?—On the contrary they told me they had. Plaintiff added that it came out in a previous Court action that they were partners.

He denied that he took action against them as the only people he could recover from, after hearing that they were partners from Chung Kam-ching.

Mr. Hodgson told the plaintiff that Chung Kam-ching had filed his petition in bankruptcy.

When asked, plaintiff denied he knew that Chung threatened to declare the ladies as partners unless they raised money to help him in a previous action.

The hearing was adjourned until December 6.

U.S. NAVAL POLICY.

NO USE FOR THE SMALL TYPE OF CRUISER.

Washington, Nov. 13.

The General Board of the United States Navy, in a statement, declares that its policy will be to build and maintain an efficient, well-balanced fleet in all classes of fighting ships, in accordance with the capital ship ratios, and replace all old cruisers with modern ten thousand ton cruisers carrying eight-inch guns; and build similar cruisers at a rate that will maintain an effective cruiser tonnage in conformity with the capital ship ratios.

The small cruiser will have no place in the future naval policy, in view of its "small value in the protection of our trans-oceanic trade and outlying possessions."—*Reuter's American Service.*

Open to Challenge.

London, Nov. 13.

The Times in an editorial points out that many statements of Mr. Coolidge's Armistice Day address are open to immediate challenge, but nothing is to be gained by a controversy.

The paper emphasises the necessity for a thorough Anglo-American understanding, in view of the identity of Anglo-American needs in peace.—*Reuter.*

THE EMPIRE & PEACE.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S PLEA IN CANADA.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.

At the Canadian Club, in the presence of Canadian Government officials, Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is now restored to health, in his first extended address since he left London, eloquently pleaded for

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WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

TAD THORNE and VALERIE WEST are married in a little chapel by the sea, of holiness.

"It's like Val," thought SYBIL THORNE, whose own love affairs had made plenty of talk. "She's making it seem complicated, but that doesn't make any difference. It comes untied these days, however elaborately it's tied."

Sybil, who worships her brother, is exceedingly unhappy because she dislikes Valerie. Her own engagement to CRAIG NEWHALL fills her also with forebodings. Because, though Craig is fine and wealthy and handsome, Sybil does not really love him. Years before, her sweetheart, JOHN LAWRENCE, married away to war on the eve of their marriage—and never returned.

Convinced that she can never be happy again, Sybil became engaged to Craig to make her dying father happy. But Mr. Thorne was dead before she could tell him, and now Sybil does not know what to do.

Val and Tad go to Canada for a wedding trip, and Sybil goes alone to their summer place at Wannan to prepare for the homecoming of the newlyweds.

CHAPTER IX.

The town was full of memories. The beach, where Sybil had walked with John Lawrence. The lawns about the house where they had strolled in the moonlight. Everywhere she went a shadowy figure walked beside her. A tall, slim boy in khaki, with hair like gold, and love-light in his eyes.

It seemed to Sybil that she was closer to John than she was. She had learned to love him, than she had ever been anywhere else.

At night she found the place on the beach where he had kissed her first. And she stood, as she had stood that night, with her face to the sea, while the wind whipped her dress about her, and blew her hair where John's cheek should have been.

Then she put up her arms to nothingness, and raised her face to her phantom lover. "Whatever I do," she whispered, "I'll love you still. Forever and forever, John."

The mist was rolling in in clouds when Craig found her on the sands. A little huddled figure, watching the tide creep up. He had driven down when Mrs. Thorne told him that Sybil was there for the night, working with a chorister from the village.

"I'll drive her home if she'll let me, and down again first thing in the morning," he promised. So he had hurried there, and finding the house deserted, had sought her on the beach.

"Sybil," he cried when he saw her there, "are you crazy, dear? It's cold as the devil out here, and damp. What are you doing, mooning away all by your lonesome?"

"Thinking about you," she lied lightly.

"Honest?"

He took her hand fondly, and she could see how happily he smiled. Poor Craig. It was so easy for her to please him. Only a little word of affection—loving smile.

"Sit down," she invited. "I want to tell you something."

He put the coat he carried about her, and she pillowed her head against his shoulder.

"Craig, I'm the unhappiest girl on earth."

"I know, honey."

His arm about her drew her gently closer.

"No, you don't, Craig. You think it's because John is dead, and daddy. And now Tad married. And mother and I at sword's points, because we don't speak the same language. But that's not all of it. Craig. It's something inside, exactly, like poison. I don't know, exactly. Something that makes me bitter and rebellious—and miserable! Oh, Craig, you don't know."

"I think I do, dear."

"Oh, it's dreadful, Craig! Everything's all gone wrong. My whole life. It's something worse than losing people. It's losing Everything. Ideals and dreams and hope."

"There's such an all-gone feeling. As if the bottom had simply dropped out of things. I wish I could make you understand."

"I do understand, Sybil."

"Craig, I'd make a rotten wife. You're a morbid little sweetheart. I'll say that for you."

"But I'm dreadfully serious, Craig. I don't think I ought to be married. . . . feeling the way I do."

"You're all upset right now, honey. It's sort of a reaction after the wedding. You're tremendously high strung, you know. You let things affect you too much. Valerie's been getting your goat. I know she would, from the minute I laid eyes on her."

"Tad's probably made a mistake. But, after all, that's his funeral. If you could only learn to take things

as they are. But you're always rebellious. Seething inside, all the time. Popping off like a little firecracker. You've got to learn to take life gracefully, Sybil. Bucking fate is a tough job. We can't do it, little girl. There's no use trying. Life's so much bigger than any of us."

"But, Craig, look at me! I've lost everything. You can't expect me to fold my hands, and murmur, 'Thy will be done.' You can't expect me to just lie down, and let the gods of fate walk all over me. First, there was that dreadful war and my poor boy was led to slaughter. And, Craig, that drove me nearer insanity than you'll ever know. And then there were the crazy years afterward, when we all went wild. Things happened then, dear—that I'd like to forget. If it hadn't been for my job, I'd have gone off the handle entirely."

"I loved that job, Craig. In the office from nine till five, busy every minute. Accomplishing things. Feeling important. All those contacts with worthwhile people. Part and parcel of achievement."

"It was glorious. I got so I stopped pitying myself. Introspection has always been my curse, and there wasn't time for that sort of thing at Lohrhop & Sons. Something doing every minute. That was my salvation."

"And then, of course, I had to give it all up, when daddy got so sick. And now—with daddy gone—and Tad—I'm like a ship out of water. High and dry on a rocky shore. Nothing to do, but think about it. It's a devil of a life, Craig."

"And mother doesn't make things any better. Oh, I suppose it sounds disloyal. But I'm not a very filial sort of a girl. I never could see why people assume that there's a sort of mystic bond between parents and progeny. I adored my father, because he was the most wonderful thing that ever lived. Not just because, by mere accident, he happened to be my father. And mother worships Tad in the same blind fashion. I can understand that all right. I suppose it gives a woman an awful kick to have a splendid son—bone of her bone, blood of her blood—as they say. But as for me—I'm nothing to send telegrams home about. Mother was never particularly wild about me—not since I grew up and started to have a mind of my own. We're far apart as the poles, mother and I. Probably I sound like an awful egg, talking this way. Of course, I love mother. And God knows I feel sorry for her. But the woman who does our washing would be a darn sight more congenial."

Sybil's head burrowed a little hollow in Craig's arm, and he held her closer. The only sound about them was the wavelets lapping at their feet.

"Craig," she said, "I ought to be muzzled. Shooting my idiotic head off like a darn fool. Talking in circles, and back where I began. What's it all about? We don't know where we're going, but we're on our way. That's about the size of it, Craig. Same old thing, day in and day out—life in and life out. Getting up in the morning, going to bed at night. Laughing, crying, fighting, praying. Talk—talk—talk. Human cattle. Stepping on each other's necks. Or getting stepped on. Squabbling with the other cattle. Torn by greed and sex. Reproducing ourselves. The endless procession. On and on. . . . What's it all about?"

"Sybil, there's a poem of Oscar Wilde's—a beautiful thing called Panthen. And it begins like this: 'I am too young to live without desire. Too young art thou to waste this summer night. Asking of old questions which of old Man sought of seer and oracle, and no reply was told. Vex not thy soul with dead philosophy. Have we not lips to kiss with, Hearts to love and eyes to see!'

"Sybil, I want a kiss. And when she had given him her lips, she settled herself again in his arms."

"I guess I'm getting old, Craig. I haven't had an honest-to-God thrill in ages."

"That's a nice thing to tell me!"

"Well, it's the truth," she insisted. "Remember how I used to run around? I kidded myself that I was having a pretty good time. But now—Lord, Craig, I couldn't get any more kick out of a roadhouse than a prayer meeting. Bootleg liquor and country club flirtations give me a pain in the neck. Life's lost its zest. I'm all fed up."

Craig stiffened. "I'm sorry that I am so utterly inadequate."

"THE KING OF KINGS."

WORLD-FAMOUS FILM COMING TO QUEEN'S.

"The King of Kings," the much-discussed film production dealing with the life of Christ, is to have a short season at the Queen's Theatre commencing Tuesday November 27th, according to a special advertisement in this issue.

Those who have chosen the cinematograph as their art are probably not presumptuous in thinking that an attempt may be made to express the life of Christ in terms of the film. The task is not inherently impossible nor improper. A consideration which must save this enterprise from complete condemnation," asserts the Times, "is that night after night the sayings of our Lord will be brought before the eyes of the thousands who may be expected to attend. The art of the producer has added little to them. But at least he has given them a setting of a kind. Cecil B. DeMille has told it in his own way, but certainly with no irreverence and with no offence. We find no fault, indeed, with the presentation of the Agony. It is foolish, and worse, to tell the life of our Lord and to say nothing of His Agony. The fact that we have most in mind is that there are hundreds and thousands of people in this modern world of ours utterly ignorant of the Gospel story, and we are not prepared to be captious in our criticisms of the attempt to tell that story, even in Hollywood's way."

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. SMART, STARE, STARS, SEARS, SEERS, SEEDS, SENDS, MENDS, MINDS.

Instantly she was contrite. "Oh, darling, I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. I didn't mean it. You're adorable, Craigie."

"Then marry me, sweetheart!" Sybil drew her knees up under her chin.

"And now," she remarked, surveying the ocean, "We're back where we started from."

"I told you I'd make a rotten wife."

"I know you did. But I want you just the same."

"I tell you what I'll do, Craig. Resolutely she faced him. "Mab Blinks is going to Havana next week. Wretched time for it, I suppose. Rainy season, or something. That's why Mab's going—they've cut the rates in half. And you know Mab on bargain. She's been trying to get me to join her. A month's trip. Mother's been urging me to go ahead. And Tad and Valerie will be home next week."

"I can't make any decisions, Craig, with you around. And mother is so disquieting. I simply cannot do it. Mab's a tranquil old jane. Thirty-four, and getting sour. You know how it is with social workers. She'll keep me out of trouble. Perhaps the rest and change would help me. Whole days on the ocean. Peace and quiet. It couldn't hurt, Craig. And it might help. What do you say?"

Maybe it was the wind from the sea that made Craig shiver. Maybe it was Doubt's cold fingers laying hands on him. He lit a cigarette, and as he held the match to his face Sybil thought how pitiful he looked—how weary and defeated. If she had loved him enough she would have taken his head in her arms and kissed his wishful lips. But she raised them, instead, to the leaden sky, where one small planet gleamed.

"Star bright, star light," she cried, "first star I've seen to-night! Wish I may, wish I might get the wish that I wish to-night. And I wish," she told the heavens with great solemnity, "that Mister Craig Newhall will see the advantages of Miss Sybil Thorne leaving immediately, if not sooner, for Cuba."

Craig shifted his weight heavily from one elbow to the other, like an old man.

"It's the way life is," he told her. "You don't care enough—that's all. Not that I blame you, Sybil. God knows we can't love where and when we would."

"But Craig!" she cried. "That's not fair. I do love you—only—I'm all mixed up inside. Oh, Craigie, dear, what's the use of talking. I won't go if you don't want me to. I'll do exactly whatever you say."

"The devil you will!" he retorted grimly. "You'll do whatever you want—and you darn well know it."

(To Be Continued.)

LADY'S LIFE WITH BANDITS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

and later they resumed their march till they came to a wood where they slept.

During the many nights when such quarters formed their lodging, Miss Tobin was given a bed of sorts—of leaves or straw—and a louted coat and blanket. They remained in this wood at various parts of it for two nights and strict watch was kept by sentries.

Miss Tobin was allowed for a time to sit apart up the creek, but later she was sent with the Chinese girls to join the crowd whilst the leaders held a discussion.

Party Splits in Two.

Shortly afterwards the band divided into two, and the elder daughter of the boatman, who up to that time had been happy in waiting on Miss Tobin, was separated from her and her younger sister, and was not seen by them again. The brigands aver that she died from unwillingness to eat food, but it is believed that she has been compelled to join some member or other of the band as a "wife."

The brigand chief and his two wives with twelve men accompanied Miss Tobin to another wood where they stayed two days and nights. During the forty-four days of captivity Miss Tobin spent only three nights in a house, and although this may seem part of the suffering, it was doubtless a means of preserving the measure of health she retained as the weather was almost uniformly good throughout.

Until Sept. 27 the party lived in woods, moving at dusk to the next stopping place. On occasion when she thought she heard them discussing the presence of soldiers, Miss Tobin would begin to sing loudly, but this was promptly stopped by a hand placed over her mouth.

Sometimes they cooked their own rice and occasionally it was brought to them by the country people, evidently connected with them. But as they left the region of houses and cooked their own food this was always so roughly and insufficiently cooked as to make it almost impossible for Miss Tobin to eat it, and so she gradually lost her strength.

Hit with Stick.

The gang practically never moved in the day—always at night. Only once was violence resorted to, when on Wednesday, the 26th of Sept., she saw a man burning the hillside blacken and so moved up to a point where she could be seen. This angered the chief greatly, and, running after her, he struck her with a rotten stick twice, but it broke with the blow and did not inflict much pain. At this point the party were fairly close to a wild pool and for the first and only time.

The next day they heard the blowing of the long old-style horn which probably indicated the presence of militia, and the result was that the same night they moved into a large cave where they stayed for four days, borrowing kitchen utensils and buying food from the people of the district.

During these days, a shot was heard and it was followed by increased vigilance, lest the principal captive should be seen.

The Negotiations.

From the cave, a wood was entered again and whilst here a letter was written to the Chaoping magistrate which opened the direct negotiations. On the 3rd and 4th of October they stayed in an isolated house from which Miss Tobin was not allowed to emerge during the day, and during this time there was evidently a bad scare with regard to pursuit, for one of the band came suddenly in and was so excited as to be hysterically sick.

At about the same time, Miss Tobin gathered they were all perturbed at the report that orders were coming in from Wuchow to bring the long captivity to a speedy close and so on the same night—the 5th—the chief took Miss Tobin alone with one armed retainer and one coolie, and a small half-witted boy to a very secluded creek, where they stayed for the next three weeks without moving at all. Miss Tobin here was separated also from the smaller of the two Chinese girls taken along with her, and this companion she did not see again till the night of her release.

On the day after arriving at this creek, the chief left her with the two men and the boy and went away. She saw him at intervals when he brought her the things we sent in to her. It was here that she began to lose her strength for the food was very poor indeed and she was not allowed to move either up or down the creek. This was steep and narrow, and although the days were warm and sunny, for the most part they

U.S. AMUSEMENT MERGER.

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The Radio Corporation of America is arranging a merger of amusement interests which will involve a capital of \$100,000,000 and promises immense ramifications.

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But companies mentioned as probable future adherents are the General Electric Co., American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Westinghouse Electric, and Victor Talking Machine.

Two men still in the thirties are credited with being the masterminds in this new endeavour to link up amusements. Of these two Mr. David Sarnoff, general manager of the Radio Corporation, is a Russian, and the other, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, president of Film Booking Offices, is a Harvard graduate who has been highly successful in the banking and film worlds.

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A bus conductor in the employ of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was fined \$20 by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for allowing twenty passengers, in excess of the licensed number to travel on his bus. The defendant had been absent on two previous occasions when the summons was called.

never get more than four hours sunshine.

On Saturday, October 27th, Miss Tobin was told that the negotiations for her release were complete, and during the day they left the secluded spot where such a protracted stay had been made, but owing to weakness Miss Tobin was not able to go quickly and they made barely 10 ft. till they came to a house where she lay on a bed for a while. Her escort then said she should resume the journey, but she steadfastly refused to move and so they offered to procure a chair for her, and she consented.

In this she went for what seemed to be 30 ft, when her bearers refused to carry any longer, and after a short further walk they camped for the night in another wood, going on the next day to a similar place, where they stayed till the following Thursday, Nov. 1st.

The Release.

At about 3 p.m. on that day she began the final stage of her long trek, and going slowly afoot and for the most part without shoes, she went till 8 p.m. when she and her small guard were joined by the whole band with the chief himself.

After a short parley, some of the brigands went away, and with the rest she walked until about 10 p.m. when at a distance they saw a number of men with flares; these were the Chaoping militia and they took her over and immediately gave her letters which enabled her to understand that at last she was free.

A short distance farther on she was joined by the whole company and they had a chair in readiness for her, and also a Chinese servant, and there to greet her—the first friend she had seen for forty-four days. Over a rough road, she went for 20-25 ft and arrived at Kailung where she was exceedingly kindly treated and after a short rest they brought her to Koo-pau, some 35-40 ft, where she arrived at about 2 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd.

After a brief interview with the Chaoping magistrate she embarked on a small boat that had been got in readiness for her and started off for Chaoping where she arrived the following afternoon.

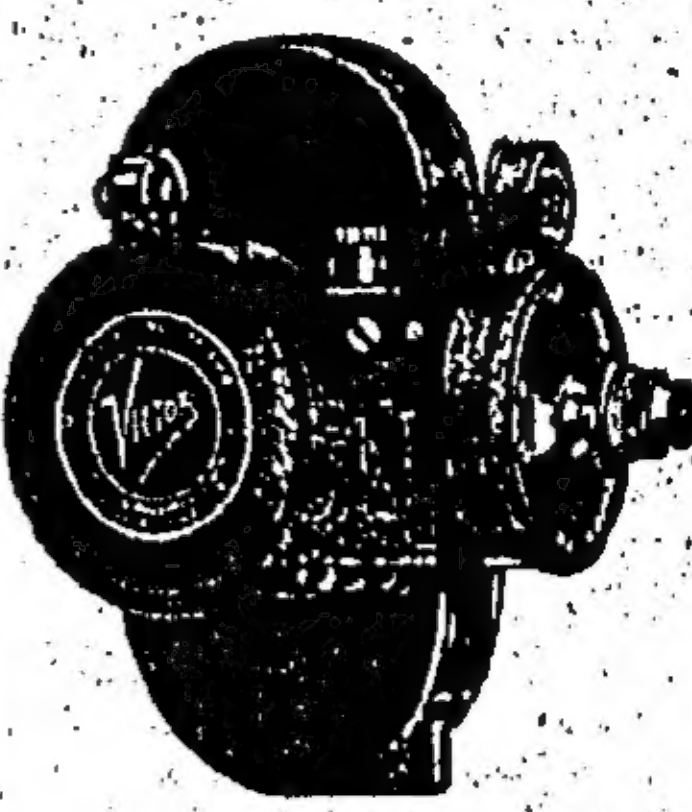
On the afternoon of November 5th, the local magistrate's representative visited Miss Tobin and the clarity with which the questions were answered was proof of her mental strength and stability. Her great regret is that of the two girls taken with her, one has disappeared. The other has been detained by the officials to give evidence of localities, etc., on the spot.

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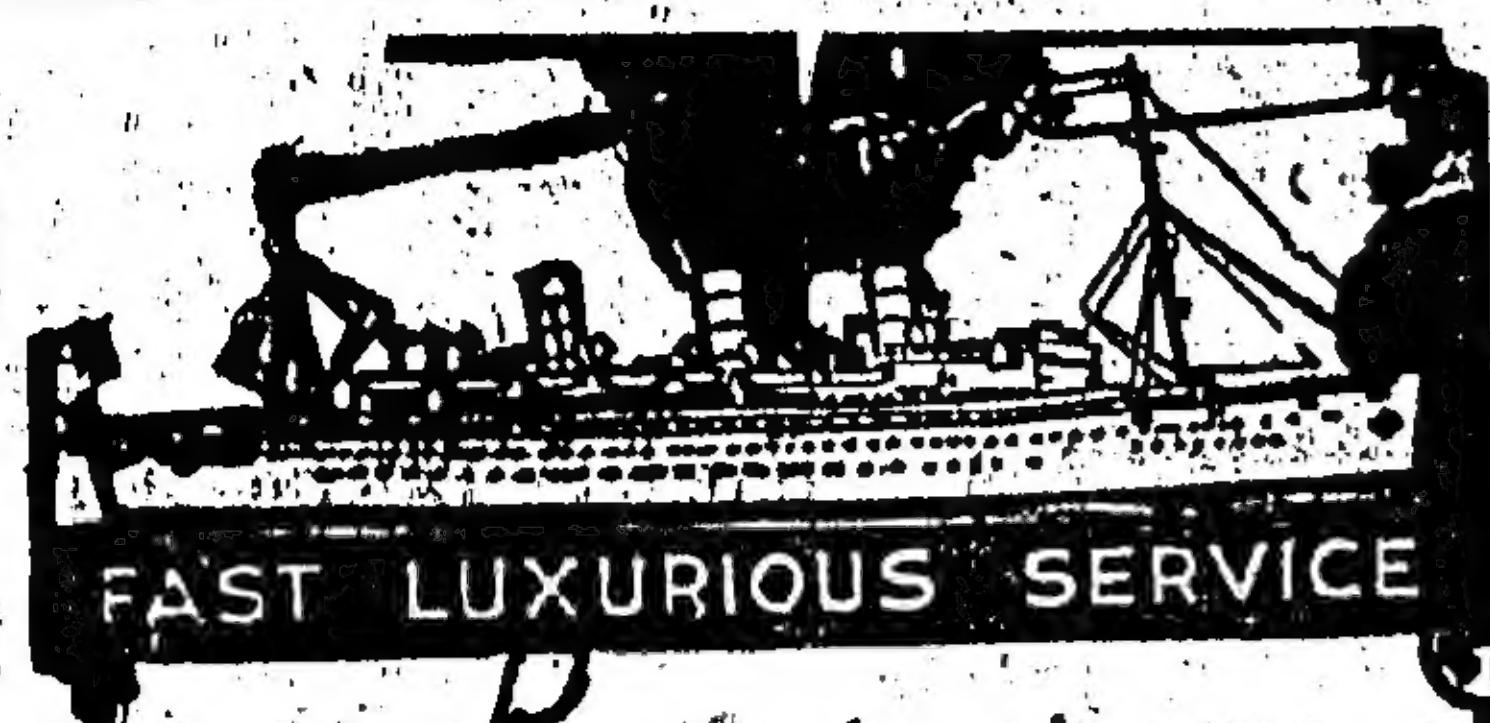
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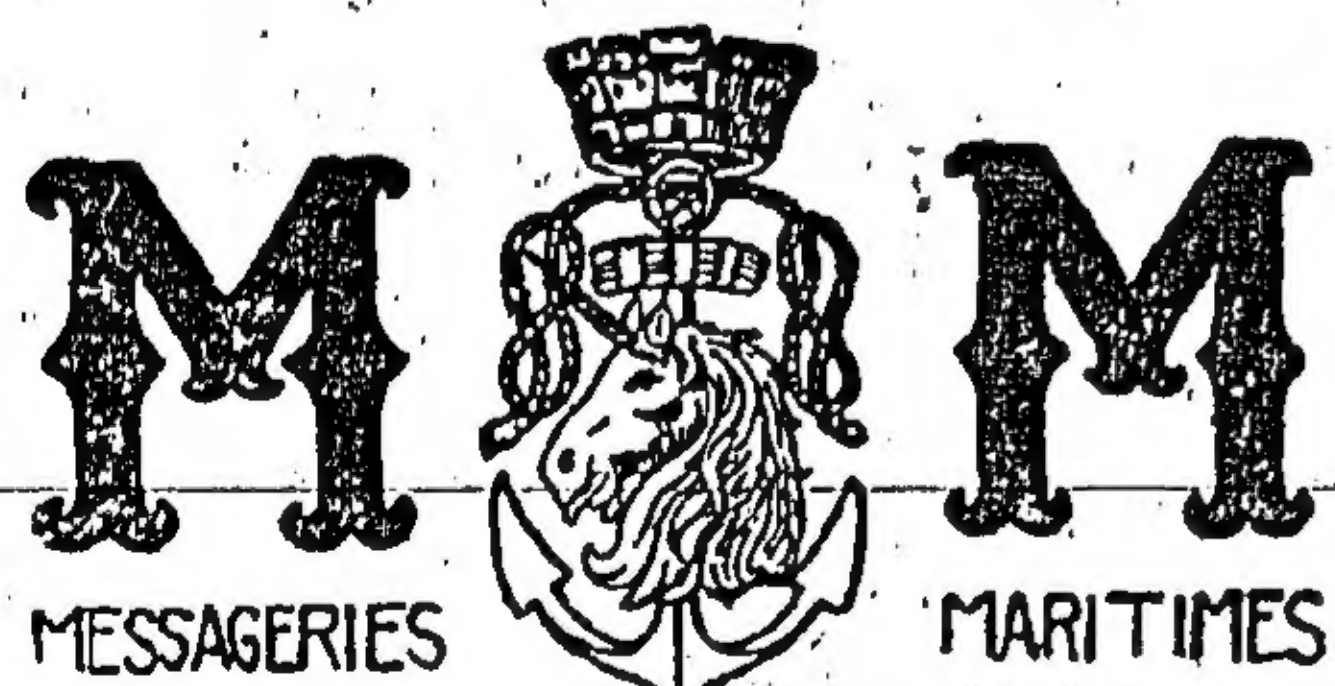
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PROPERTY SALES.

PLOT FOR A CHURCH IN KOWLOON.

Property was put up yesterday both at the Public Works Department and at the China Auction Rooms. In the former case all the land sold was in Kowloon and undeveloped, while Mr. de Sousa's sale was confined to a plot in Victoria, with a dwelling house thereon. It was notable that one of the conditions of sale of Crown land laid it down that the area could only be used for the erection of a church, and this lot was knocked down to a religious body.

At the P.W.D., the first lot offered was New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1184, at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Poi Ho Street, Shamshulpo, and held for a term of 75 years from July, 1898, at an annual Crown Rental of \$10 and having an area of 2,193 square feet. Upset price, \$3,290.

The purchaser was held to an expenditure of \$5,000 in rateable improvements within 24 months and that with levelling, certain areas should be turned over to the Director of Public Works within 12 months.

There was an unexpected burst of bidding for this lot, which opened at the upset price and with bids of \$100, went to \$3,790 and was purchased by Yin Nin She at this figure.

A New Church.

Lot No. 2 was land situated at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road, having an area of 76,500 square feet at an annual Crown rental of \$526 and held for a period of 75 years from sale. Upset price \$38,250.

The peculiar conditions of sale were as follows:

The purchaser of the Lot will not be allowed to erect any buildings on the lot other than a Church, and detached or semi-detached houses of European type.

The design of the exterior elevations, plans and disposition of any buildings to be erected on the lot shall be subject to the special approval of the Director of Public Works and in no case may the height of any building exceed 35 feet except with the consent of the Director of Public Works.

The purchaser will not be allowed to erect any building within 20 feet of Prince Edward Road or Waterloo Road.

The purchaser of the lot shall pay into the Colonial Treasury, on demand, the cost of removing any Chinese graves at present on the area, if such removal becomes necessary; the work to be done by the Tung Wah Hospital Authorities.

The purchaser of the lot shall pay into the Treasury, on demand, the cost of removing any water main, cable, telegraph or telephone line, sewer or culvert, which the Director of Public Works may consider it necessary to have removed.

The purchaser shall develop the lot to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and for this purpose shall provide a general lay out plan, showing the buildings which it is proposed to erect, for approval by that officer before any buildings are commenced, and after approval has been given, no additions or alterations to such buildings shall be made without the consent in writing of the Director of Public Works.

The purchaser was also enjoined by a clause to expend the sum of \$100,000 in rateable improvements within 36 months and the usual clause was included for the turn-

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG MUSICAL SOCIETY.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—For some years, this Colony has had the reputation of being apathetic towards music, and many of the distinguished artists who have performed here have had exceedingly bad "houses." Sometimes the notice has been so short that many people have become booked for other engagements; at other times the advertising has been inadequate or the artist has not been sufficiently well-known to attract attention.

A Society has now been formed, called the Hongkong Musical Society, the object of which is to stimulate interest in music and to give out by post information about recitals, etc., as soon as dates are fixed, to ensure a good attendance.

I should like to emphasize that the Society will have no financial interest in any of the concerts to which it lends its support. There is no subscription, but members are expected to make every endeavour to come to good concerts.

To make this venture a success, it is necessary to have the names and addresses of everyone in the Colony who would like to receive the notices of concerts and I should appreciate it if you would allow me to appeal through your columns for the support of those interested.—Yours, etc.

A. M. BOWEN-SMITH,
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ing over of certain areas to the Government when levelled, within 12 months.

The only bid received was through the agent of the Very Revd. Bishop Valoria for the R. C. Church at the upset price, and with no opposition, the lot was knocked down at that figure.

Shamshulpo Lot.

Lot No. 3 was situated at Shamshulpo and consisted of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1186, at the junction of Tai Nan Street and Boundary Street, having an area of 4,580 square feet and held for a period of 75 years from 1898 at an annual Crown Rental of \$32. Upset price, \$6,870.

Sale clauses were as usual, including the expenditure of \$10,000 in rateable improvements within 24 months and levelling the site and turning over to the Government within 12 months.

There was no opposition to Mr. Chan Kwai of Prince East at the upset price, and the lot was disposed of accordingly.

At the China Auction Rooms, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa put up a lot of house property which was disposed of at quite a reasonable figure.

A Hongkong Lot.

There was a fair attendance when Section D of Inland Lot No. 2294, together with all erections and buildings thereon known as No. 19 Sing Woo Road, Victoria, consisting of a shop and dwelling house were put up. The property is held for the residue of the unexpired term of 75 years from July, 1912, at an annual Crown Rental of \$320.

Opening at \$5,000, with bids of \$500 acceptable, bidding was not exciting and after six raises at the minimum, the sale was concluded in favour of Mr. Han Kwang-cheun at \$8,000.

FORMER RESIDENT.

RETIRING AFTER THIRTY YEARS IN CHINA.

A former resident of Hongkong in the person of Mr. W. E. Schroeder, who for over thirty years has been associated with cable work in China, has left Shanghai on retirement.

Mr. Schroeder was born in Copenhagen in 1868 and joined the Great Northern Telegraph Company in 1887. He was sent to Newcastle and then he went to Argentina in connexion with telegraph construction on the railway. Returning he was all stationed in Gottenburg, Sweden, and then in Finland. In 1895 he was sent to the Far East, and his connexion with China has been uninterrupted since that year.

Mr. Schroeder was first of all stationed in Hongkong and then in Shanghai, and in 1900 was transferred to Chefoo. That was the year of the Boxer trouble, and he organized the new cable station there. Following upon this he returned to Shanghai, and since 1904 he has been superintendent there, a post which he has just relinquished. It is satisfactory to know that his work, often difficult and arduous, gained the appreciation of his own country and of China, for he was made a Knight of Danneberg and was decorated with the Order of the Chia Ho, fourth class.

Volunteering and Racing.

In many respects Mr. Schroeder has taken an active part in the doings of the foreign communities with which he has been associated. In 1897 he joined "A" Co., S.V.C., and holding the rank of corporal, was in charge of the signal section of the whole Corps. He also took a keen and practical interest in racing, and while in Chefoo was a steward of the club. It is interesting to mention that his jockey there was Mr. Arthur Parkhill. He continued his interest in racing on coming to Shanghai, and at various times owned several excellent ponies although never securing the highest honours. Probably the best he ever had was Trille II which in 1921 beat Mr. John Toey's crack animal Wilson, but Mr. Schroeder is candid enough to express the opinion that the win was probably more to the fine riding of Mr. W. Hill than to the merits of the pony.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

NEGOTIATIONS SAID TO BE PROGRESSING.

Kyoto, Nov. 13. Reporting on the progress of Mr. Yada's unofficial negotiations with the Nationalists, Baron Tanaka, speaking at a Cabinet meeting, stated that they were progressing smoothly and there was a bright prospect of settling all pending questions except Taiwan. He also stated that the railway negotiations in Manchuria are making steady progress.

It is learned on good authority that the Government has decided to order Mr. Yoshizawa to Nanking for the purpose of opening formal negotiations as soon as the present preliminary negotiations are satisfactorily completed.—Reuter.

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CASE WITHDRAWN.

END OF THE OFFICE ASSAULT SUMMONSES.

Payment of compensation to the extent of \$25, accompanied by a full apology from Mrs. J. E. Orlerton, was the basis on which Miss G. D. Glover has consented to a settlement, out of Court, of the case in which she was to have proceeded against the former lady on a charge of assault while she herself appeared as defendant in a cross-summons.

The affair was stated to have occurred on a recent Friday in the offices of the Asiatic Petroleum Company in Asiatic Building, where both had been employed.

There had been a change in legal advice, and instead of Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who originally acted for Mrs. Orlerton when the summons first came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell last week, Mr. P. E. Losoby, of Messrs. Russ and Co., appeared yesterday before the same Magistrate to make the announcement as regards the settlement.

Mr. Losoby said: I am appearing for Mrs. Orlerton, who is the complainant in the cross-summons. I am asking your Worship's leave to withdraw the cross-summons.

His Worship: I see.
Mr. M. K. Lo (for Miss Glover): Your Worship, now that the cross-summons has been withdrawn, there is only one matter before you, and that is the original summons on which I am appearing before your Worship with Miss Glover as complainant.

I am happy to say since the last adjournment, in fact in the course of this morning, I have received through Messrs. Russ and Co. an unconditional apology from Mrs. Orlerton for this assault and also a sum of \$25 as compensation for the assault. My client has accepted it. Now that it has been shown that my client is in the right we do not wish to trouble your Worship further with the case, and therefore I will also ask leave to withdraw this summons.

His Worship, to Mr. Losoby: You have no desire to fight the original summons?

Mr. Losoby having replied that that was so, his Worship said: Summons and cross-summons are dismissed.

The case had aroused a fair amount of interest and many would-be spectators including a number of European ladies, who arrived late, were plainly disappointed when informed of the abrupt ending of the case.

Amongst the last to make their appearance was Mrs. Orlerton, one of the principals in the case, who arrived after the proceedings were all over.

CHINA AND NORWAY.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW TREATY.

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

The Kuo Min news agency has a report from Nanking that the spokesman of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs states the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Sino-Norwegian treaty are nearly complete, and the signature is expected this week.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

A FORMER HONGKONG RESIDENT.

Following an operation for appendicitis the death occurred last week of Mr. Duncan McLaren, who was well-known both in Shanghai and Hongkong and on the China coast.

Mr. McLaren was a native of Scotland, having been born in Edinburgh. He took up engineering, and after serving at Home, joined in 1907 the China Navigation Co. He rose to the position of chief engineer, and in 1915 he resigned the service, becoming associated with the Green Island Cement Co. For a number of years he was assistant superintendent at Macao, and thereafter was in Hongkong in different positions, subsequently going to Shanghai where he represented Messrs. Davie, Bony & Co.

Deceased's principal recreation was golf, and he showed no small prowess on the links. He was unmarried, and is survived by a brother, who is in Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's office in Changsha.

Edinburgh Professor Burned to Death.

London, Nov. 13.

Dr. Alexander Muir, professor of Greek at Edinburgh University, has been burned to death in a fire in his study.—*Reuter.*

Professor Alexander W. Muir, Litt. D., gained his degree from Aberdeen University in 1911. He had been Professor of Greek at Edinburgh since 1903. Educated at Aberdeen University, where he took first class honours in classical literature; he also studied at Cambridge (1st Class Classical Tripos, 1896); and was classical examiner to London University. He published a number of classical works and translations. Dr. Muir was married, and had five sons and six daughters. The reference books omit the year of his birth.

NEW HOSTEL FOR UNIVERSITY.

(Continued from Page 2.)

I am sure, regret as much as we do his inability to be present on this occasion, for we are not merely laying the foundation stone of a material structure, but are laying sure foundation for the continued prosperity of a great institution.

I wish to endorse what Father Byrne has said of the need for this Hostel, of the advantages of Higher Education and of the magnificent possibilities for good which are inherent in the University of Hongkong. We stand in a unique position towards the great nation of China, an oasis of peace where the different races and different creeds can dwell together in unity, and it is to our University, built and endowed largely by Chinese liberality and serving almost exclusively the needs of Chinese students, that we look to spread the high ideals of western culture, to extend the benefits of western science among the people of a great nation whose own culture, great though it has been, is unequal, by its own unaided efforts, to the stupendous task of the rehabilitation of Modern China. It is indeed appropriate that the name of one who did so much to introduce the first knowledge of Western science to the scholars of China should be perpetuated in this Hostel, which is to continue and to extend the work he so ably began; and I trust that the faith and liberality which are manifested in to-day's ceremony may inspire others to contribute of their abundance to the pressing needs of this most potent instrument for the peace and prosperity of China—the University of Hongkong.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th November will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 3rd December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, 13th November, 1928.

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His Excellency was then presented with a silver trowel, with which he performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. When the stone was placed in position, His Excellency tapped it and said "The Glory of God: In the cause of higher education, I declare this stone well and truly laid." The band played the National Anthem, and this marked the termination of the proceedings.

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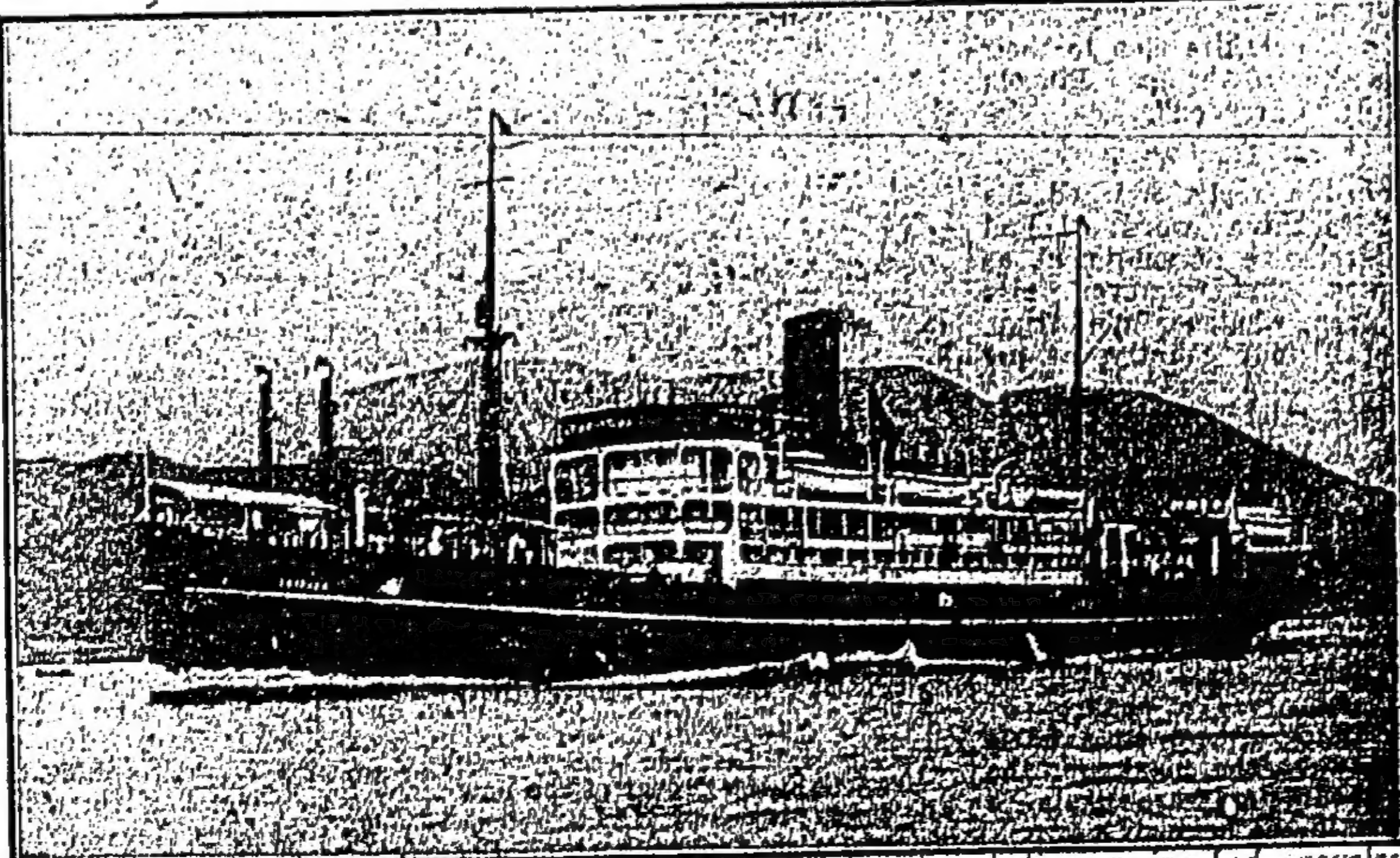
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NOBEL LITERATURE PRIZES.

AWARDS FOR THIS YEAR AND LAST.

LADY GETS HONOUR.

The Nobel Prize for Literature for 1927 has been awarded to Henri Bergson, the famous French philosopher.
The Prize for 1928 has been awarded to the Norwegian author, Sigrid Undset, for "The Growth of the Soil."—Reuter.
Reuter is anxious in attributing "The Growth of the Soil" to Sigrid Undset. This great novel was the work of Knut Hamsun, having been published in 1920. Sigrid Undset was born in 1882, her father being the well-known Norwegian archaeologist and former Director of the National Museum at Oslo. She has written numerous works; the most notable of which is the trilogy of novels, "Kristin Lavrans Datter." She lives at Lillehammer in Norway and her husband is C.A. Svanstad, the painter.
Henri Bergson was born in 1869 at Paris and is to-day regarded as the greatest French thinker. He represents the modern aesthetic philosophic movement which takes up new problems. He is the most strenuous opponent of the mechanical conception of life and in his most profound work, "L'Evolution Creatrice," he has completely broken with all philosophical systems of the past and opened up new ways of thought which lead to surprising conclusions.

UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

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answer why it was so. But he had noticed one thing during his term of office which was worth considering. European statesmen had got into the habit of meeting at Geneva. There they learned not only each other's point of view, but what was very important, each other's idiosyncrasies as individuals, and he thought there was among European statesmen a desire in negotiations to see the other viewpoint, and to compromise if something could be effected by that compromise.
This state of affairs existed far more than before the war.
American statesmen, however, did not know the European statesmen, nor did the European statesmen know the American, and there was no personal intercourse, the only intercourse being written in a despatch, sent across three thousand miles of water.
In those circumstances, it was far more difficult to get mutual understanding.

Should Try to Understand.

To the members of the House of Commons, he pointed out that it was important to all who spoke on America, or our relations with America, to study and to understand the political system of the United States.

It was so different from any of the European systems and on those differences, relations had been wrecked more than once. It was most important for the avoidance of future shipwrecks that we should be familiar, on this side, with the difference in the systems of the two countries.

Some of the best work done internationally since the war had been work of financial reconstruction, and in this, America had been engaged with us and other countries.

Sixty-five years ago, when America was not the great Power she was to-day, when the Union was split apparently beyond hope of redemption, and when the workmen of Lancashire were starving, Lancashire men to their credit wrote to Abraham Lincoln and said: "Carry on."

Lincoln's Words.

Lincoln, in reply, finished his letter with these words: "I hail this interchange of sentiment as an augury that whatever else may happen, whatever misfortune may befall your country, or my own, the peace and friendship which now exist between the two nations, it will be, as it should be, my desire to make them perpetual."

So be it, concluded the Premier amid the cheers of the House.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, winding up the debate, said he still believed there was a chance of getting an agreement on a basis of what was the maximum the various countries were likely to build within the next six years.

Experience had shown that armed merchantmen had not the slightest chance against cruisers with similar, or even smaller armament. Britain, he said, was prepared to consider any way possible towards the reduction of armaments.

Mr. Lloyd George's amendment was rejected by 326 votes to 163.—British Wireless and Reuter.

A NEW ISSUE OF \$50 BANK NOTES.

CLEVER FORGERY AMONG THE REASONS FOR CHANGE.

CIRCULATION SOON.

A new issue of fifty-dollar notes is being made almost immediately by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in pursuance of their policy of changing the form of their various issues. In the past the one, five and ten dollar notes have been changed and the new issue of fifty-dollar notes is now ready and circulation will probably start to-morrow.

Green is the predominant colour of the new notes on both the face and back and makes a striking contrast to the existing fifty-dollar note which is mainly purple. The new note has a figure on the left hand side of the face while the other side is occupied with the white water-marked space. The watermark is a figure of Britannia, similar to that on the newer one and five-dollar notes, while the amount "50" is also watermarked under the figure. The watermark is in an oval similar to that on the brown five-dollar notes but, of course, on the other side.

The new note has also a slight purple tinge in parts, and the usual coat of arms and Chinese scene appears at the top in the centre of the face of the banknote. The number is printed twice on the front and four times on the back which is also in green. Unlike the old fifty-dollar notes which had fairly large white corners around the purple printing, the new note is covered with design up to the margin and is of a general, very attractive appearance.

Another reason for the change is that a clever forgery of fifty-dollar notes has been discovered and apart from the general policy of making new issues all round, this emphasised the necessity for a change. In due course the existing one hundred dollar note will be re-designed but the issue of the new note for the larger denomination will not come for some considerable time.

For the first time, fifty-dollar notes will now bear the signature of the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the chief manager of the Bank. On the specimen note seen by a Telegraph representative this morning there was no signature in the space reserved for that of the chief accountant.

KOWLOON SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

TWENTY CASES NOTIFIED LAST WEEK.

The return of notifiable diseases for last week show that there were no fewer than 22 cases of smallpox, of which all but two were from Kowloon districts. All were Chinese and six ended fatally. The return for yesterday shows seven more cases from Kowloon.

There were also 12 cases of typhoid, with five deaths, all being Chinese, two of these cases being imported.

Three non-fatal cases of diphtheria (one Portuguese and the others Chinese) were also notified as well as one death from influenza.

AN UNREGISTERED DOCTOR?

CASE FIXED FOR NEXT MONDAY.

The case against Wong Sui-poon, who is charged with possession of four hypodermic syringes and with practising as a doctor, came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Acting Detective Inspector Lane, prosecuting, applied for a remand, to which his Worship complied by fixing the case for Monday afternoon.

Mr. F. H. Loseby is for the defence.

H.M.S. WOODLARK.

WAS BOUGHT BY HONGKONG MAN.

Regarding the report of the new role to be played by H.M.S. Woodlark, as a passenger boat on the West River, which we reprinted on Monday from a Shanghai newspaper, we are informed that the purchaser was Mr. Solomon Abdullah Casumbhoy, of Hongkong, and not the Mow Hing S.S. Company, as stated.

The vessel is at present on the trip down from Shanghai, and should be here within the next few days.

PETROL COMBINE CRITICISED.

FEARS OF DUTCH CONTROL EXPRESSED.

EVERY SENSE BRITISH.

London, Nov. 13.
Commander Kenworthy, the Labour M.P. drew the attention of the House of Commons to the organisation of a Consolidated Petroleum Company for the purpose of acquiring the distributing organisation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company through South and East Africa, Egypt, the Sudan, Palestine, Syria, the Red Sea and Ceylon.

Commander Kenworthy asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if instructions had been given to the Government directors of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, with a view to preserving the company's independence.

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Government were fully satisfied that the formation of the Consolidated Company did not interfere with its independence, and they did not think that an arrangement between two independent bodies for mutually beneficial purposes in any way affected the essential independence of either.

Replying to Mr. Shinwell (Lab.) who questioned if in view of its association with the Royal Dutch, the Anglo-Persian could be regarded as primarily British, Mr. Churchill said that it remained in every sense British and he hoped it would prosper.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

K.O.S.B. PRIVATE AGAIN REMANDED.

Pte. James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day, at the Central Police Court, on a charge of attempted murder, by stabbing, of Sergeant Kerr.

The incident is alleged to have occurred on the transport Somersetshire while the vessel was at Colombo on its way out with military details for the Hongkong establishment.

Mr. Lindsell observed to Inspector Lane, who was in Court, that he understood from A. S. P. Murphy that the latter had evidence to put forward almost immediately.

Inspector Lane agreed. The hearing was then fixed for 11.15 on Friday morning, to be continued in the afternoon.

U.S. OIL MAGNATE TO SELL OUT.

BANKING HOUSES TO DEAL WITH HUGE CONCERN.

New York, Nov. 13.
Mr. Edward Doheny, the well-known oil magnate, whose Californian petroleum companies are estimated to be worth at least \$12,000,000 has decided to retire.

Two New York banking houses are arranging to take over his oil securities and to form a new company to be known as the Pacific Western Oil Company, and it is stated that Mr. Jacques Vinmont will be chairman of the Board of the new company.

It is further understood that Mr. William McDuffie, former production manager of the Royal Dutch Shell companies, will be President.

If the present plans are carried out, the banking houses will shortly issue about \$30,000,000 for public subscription.—Reuter's American Service.

TWO KUOMINTANG RESIGNATIONS.

MRS. LIAO AND CHAN KUNG POH ANNOYED.

Nanking, Nov. 13.
Mrs. Liao Chung-kai and Mr. Chan Kung-poh, the well-known Kuomintang Leftist leaders, have resigned from the Party. Mrs. Liao is a member of the Central Executive Committee, but she has resigned this appointment also. In their letter of resignation, they condemn the action of the present leaders at Nanking in venturing to select half the delegates to the Delegates Conference, as unconstitutional.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Tsinanfu, Nov. 13.
All Japanese troops stationed as guards at the different stations along the Tsinanfu-Tsinanfu Railway have been withdrawn and the management of the line has asked for special police.

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